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## SHARP CHALLENGE TO JAPANESE ONSLAUGHT

Battle For Nanking Ebbs And Flows Outside

### GENERAL NAKAJIMA WOUNDED

### HANKOW SCOFFS AT PEACE TALK

Hankow, To-day.

Circles close to the National Government scoff at the suggestion that China is ready to sue for peace or willing to discuss what would inevitably be Japanese terms at the present moment in the national crisis.

The view held in Hankow is that the peace talk emanates from Tokyo with an object behind it, and that the object is connected with the struggle behind the scenes between moderate and extremist circles in Japan.

In the event of a victory for the moderates, China might be prepared to negotiate.

All tendencies, however, seem to be towards the success of the "die-hards" in which event it would be preposterous for China to consider any approaches that might be made, no matter whence the source.—Our Own Correspondent.

### KIANGYIN BOOM BROKEN

Shanghai, To-day.

Five months after its construction, the Kiangyin boom across the Yangtse was broken this morning.

A Japanese flotilla of destroyers steamed through the obstruction and are now continuing up the Yangtse after passing British ships, which with several others, are no longer bottled up in the river. — Reuter.

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### CHINESE RECAPTURE CHUNWA

Hankow, 2 p.m., To-day.

The eastern suburbs of Nanking at noon to-day were being subjected to a terrific bombardment by artillery and a score of heavy bombers, according to a telephone message from the capital at one o'clock this afternoon.

Complete confusion reigns in the "safety zone" following further clear intimations by the Japanese authorities that no guarantee for the safety of the zone can be given.

Efforts are now being made to arrange for the evacuation of as many of the refugees as can be managed, with troops assisting the police in maintaining control.

The Japanese onslaught has made little progress in the past twenty-four hours. Fighting appears to be proceeding at all points of the compass, with heavy guns roaring savagely almost incessantly and the splutter of machine-gun fire continuous.

Outstanding feature of the defence of the capital is the calm of the military. Within the city, there is an iron control and general demeanour of troops indicative of high morale.

Even if the Japanese reach and breach the walls, their task will be far from complete, as the whole of the city is virtually a honeycombed defence system. — Our Own Correspondent.

### GEN. NAKAJIMA WOUNDED

Shanghai, 1.45 p.m. To-day.

General K. Nakajima has been wounded in action during the battle for Nanking, according to an official announcement by the Japanese military here this morning.

It is admitted that the fighting on the outskirts of the capital is "very severe" and that in two days of clash in the vicinity of Chungshanling, the Japanese forces have been unable to make any progress.

It is claimed however that at other points the Wakigawa and Shimoda

### JAPAN THE "ALTRUISTIC" FANATIC

New York, To-day.

America is now "far more dangerously threatened by the new madness of nations in nightshirts," declared Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary for the Interior in a speech at the dinner of the American Civil Liberties Union, comparing the present age to the Klu Klux Klan era of the United States.

"The Kieagles and Klokards (officers of the Klan) now ride bombers, tanks, battleships and submarines over a field of operations that is international."

In an apparently clear reference to the Sino-Japanese conflict, Mr. Lockes remarked: "It is a strange phenomenon that a country which is weak and helpless and at the same time rich in resources, is a hotbed of 'Communism' and must therefore be saved as a brand from the burning by some altruistic fanatic."—Reuter.

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# Bacon Many Times Saves The Day

Sometimes we become so accustomed to having certain foods around our kitchens that we completely overlook their many uses and possibilities. Just such a food is bacon. It has become such a household necessity in preparing flavourful dishes that we often forget to realise how many times it saves the day.

Not alone is it used with the proverbial bacon and eggs but so many times we add a bit of bacon to a stew, a meat loaf, use it as a topping in baking fish, fry it along with liver as a natural accompaniment and even eat it as an appetizer. Bacon is recognised by dietitians as an excellent source for building up body warmth, energy and vitality.

## VARIOUS QUALITIES

Of course, there is bacon — and bacon, but when one appreciates how important bacon is in the diet and everyday cookery, it pays to buy quality bacon. It should be tender and mild with the right proportion of lean and fat to give it the appetite you desire.

Bacon offers so many ideas for new and interesting recipes that we have only space to name a few. Try it sometime with apples which have been cooked in bacon drippings until tender. Perhaps the idea of strips of crisp bacon with candied sweet potatoes will appeal to you, or whole kernel corn sautéed with crisp bits of bacon and some chopped green pepper. These are delicious foods. Now for a few actual recipes using this savoury product:

## TURKISH STUFFED EGG PLANT

2 small egg plants  
¾ cup bacon diced and cooked until brown  
¾ cup bread crumbs  
1 egg  
Salt and pepper

Cut tops off egg plants, remove and chop inside. Combine with bacon, bread crumbs and egg and season to taste. Fill egg plants with mixture. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs and bake ½ hour in a hot oven—375 degrees.

## CODDLED EGGS

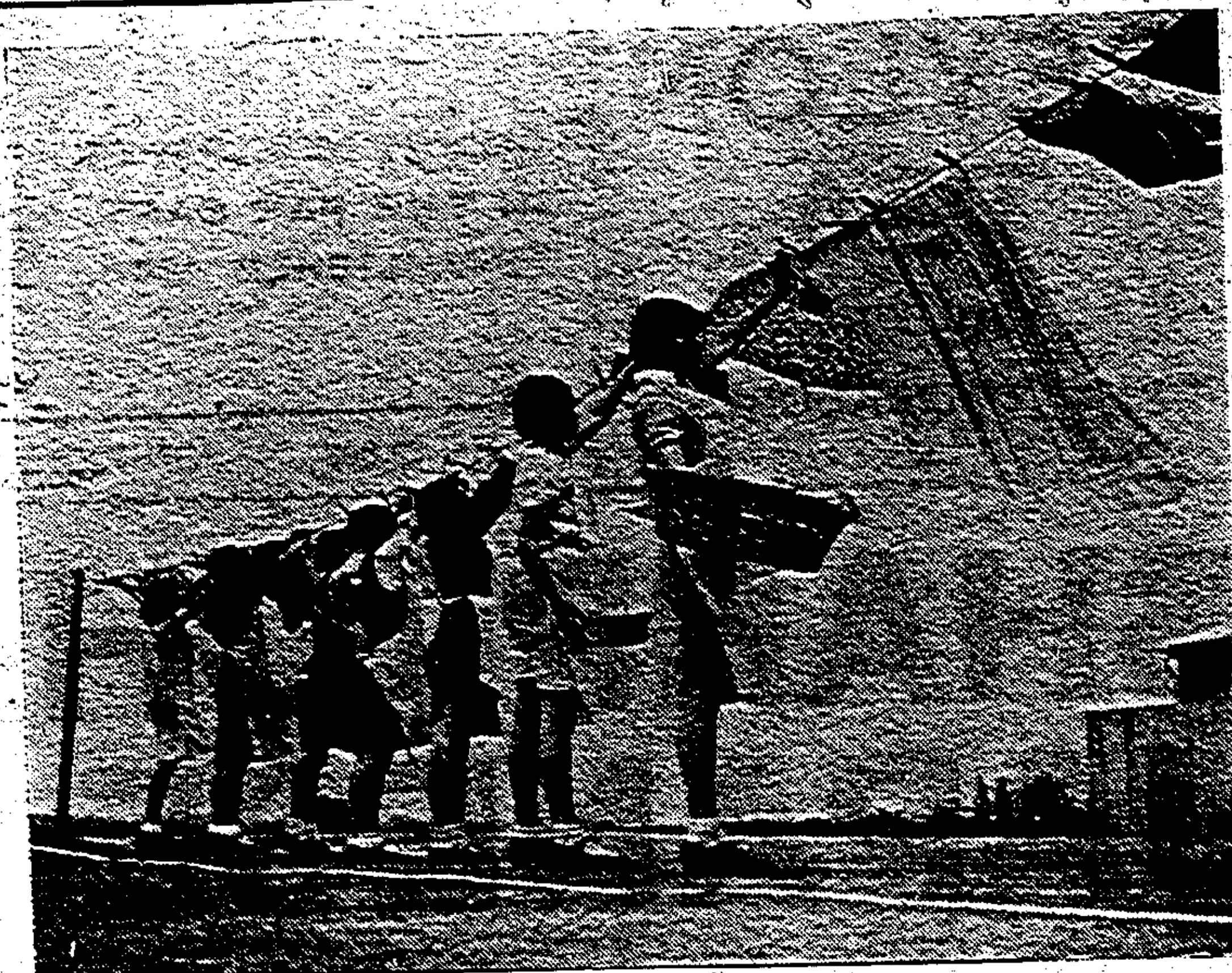
2 med. cans corned beef  
6 slices bacon

1 tablespoon butter  
Shape corned beef into balls and press into muffin tins which have been lined with a slice of bacon. Make an indentation in the centre of the corned beef ball and drop in an egg. Dot with butter and bake in a 325 degree oven until eggs are set but not hard, about 20 minutes.

## ASPARAGUS CHEESE ENTREE

6 rounds of toast  
1 No. 2 tin all-green asparagus  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 cups finely cut cheese  
¼ cup beer  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon mustard  
6 slices bacon  
Few grains cayenne

Heat asparagus and place on toast. Melt the butter and cheese over a low fire and add the beer slowly stirring until smooth and creamy. Add the seasonings. Pour over asparagus and place under broiler flame until sizzling hot and slightly brown. Remove and top with hot crisp slices of bacon. Serves six.



At Ongar, Essex, a new school has been opened which compares favourably with any in the country. The scholars are drawn from sixteen villages within a seven miles radius. All branches of domestic science are taught and the girls like the laundry class. The girls bring clothes to school to wash and iron and naturally the mothers like this lesson too. Photo shows washing day at the school. (Fox Copyright)

## HELPFUL HINTS

To Camouflage the taste of castor oil put a small quantity of milk in a glass, whisk it round the sides, and drop in oil, but do not stir. Flavour with a few drops of essence and you will find there is no unpleasant taste.

To mend broken china or glass, make a cement by taking a quantity of thick gum arabic solution, and stir in a quantity of plaster of paris, until the mixture becomes a thick paste. Apply to the fractured edges of the china or glass, and allow to set. The whiteness of the cement renders it valuable for white china-ware, being almost invisible when joined together.

If food gets burnt in an aluminium saucepan, do not try to remove the burnt party by scraping or scouring with a knife or any sharp utensil. Instead, take and slice a large onion, put it in the saucepan, fill it up with boiling water, and boil slowly for a time. The burnt part will loosen and rise to the top of the water. The saucepan can then be washed and rinsed in the usual way without any damage being caused to it.



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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal & Piano).  
Would You? (film 'San Francisco').  
I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers (film 'It's Love Again').  
Empty Saddles (film 'Rhythm On The Range').  
12.40 p.m.—Roy Fox & His Orchestra.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Renter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Chopin Compositions.  
1.56 p.m.—The Band Of H.M. Coldstream Guards.  
Martha—Selection (Flotow).  
Parade Of The Puppets (Kuhn).  
The Changing Of The Guard (Flotow and Jetsam).  
Sousa Medley (Sousa).  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
2.30 p.m.—European Programme.  
2.35-2.45 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
3 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. During the intervals dance records will be played from ZBW.  
3.15 p.m.—Studio—Children's Concert.  
3.45 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass).  
Go Down, Moses (Burleigh).  
Plantation Songs.  
3.55 Musical Comedy.  
The Love Race—Selection (Clarke).  
Chariot's Masquerade—Selection.  
New Mayfair Orchestra.  
Careless Rapture (Novello-Hassall).  
Love Made The Song—Sybil Craw-

ley and Eric Starling (Vocal Duet).  
Music In May.  
Dorothy Dickson (Soprano).  
7.10 p.m.—Variety.  
7.25 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Sportsmen Talking'. Harold Abrahams on the Empire Games of 1938.  
7.45 p.m.—Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.  
11 p.m.—Close down.  
8.05-11.00 p.m.—European Programme Broadcast from ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.  
8.05 p.m.—Variety.  
Orchestral w. Vocalists—'London Rhapsody'—Vocal Selection—The London Palladium Orchestra.  
Vocal—  
Deep Desert.  
My Way (film 'Jericho').  
Paul Robeson (Bass).  
Rose Of England ('Crest of the Wave')—Edgar Elmes (Bari-tone).  
Haven Of Your Heart ('Crest of the Wave')—Olive Gilbert (Contralto).  
Cello—  
Czardas (Adolphe Fischer).  
Papillon (David Popper).  
Rudolf Dietzmann.  
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'At The Black Dog'.

9 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).  
Be praised, thou peaceful night (The Vagabond—Ziehrer).  
Ever softer grows my slumber (Lied—Brahms—Op. 105, No. 2).  
Lullaby, Op. 49, No. 4 (Brahms).  
9.10 p.m.—London Relay—Food For Thought.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m.—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).  
Hungarian Dance No. 7 In A Major (Brahms-Jochim).  
Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate).  
Yehudi Menuhin accomp. by Marcel Gazelle (Piano).  
If My Mother Only Knew (Nuttie).  
Night In Venice (Camatti-Curci).  
You Are My Life (from the film 'Becca')—Gigli.  
Hungarian Dance No. 6 In B Flat Major (Brahms-Jochim).  
Romanza Andaluza, Op. 22 (Sarasate).  
Yehudi Menuhin accomp. by Marcel Gazelle (Piano).  
10.15 p.m.—London Relay—Recital of Music for Two Pianofortes.  
10.35 p.m.—Light Orchestral.  
'Aida'—Ballet Suite (Verdi).  
Boston Promenade Orchestra Cond. Arthur Fiedler.  
Serenade (Warlock). The Constant Lambert String Orchestra Cond. Constant Lambert.  
'Capriccio' Suite (Warlock). The Constant Lambert String Orchestra Cond. Constant Lambert.  
11 p.m.—Close down.

8.50 a.m.—Food for Thought.  
9.10 a.m.—The Chamber Music of Schubert.  
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.  
9.55 a.m.—'Wheels'. A feature programme.  
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

## TRANSMISSION 2

### Frequencies—

GSI 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)  
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.88 m.)  
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Northern Ireland Orchestra.  
11.30 a.m.—'Sportsmen Talking'. Harold Abrahams on the Empire Games of 1938.  
11.45 a.m.—The BBC Military Band.  
12.30 p.m.—'At the Black Dog'.  
1.00 p.m.—Ballet Music of Delibes.  
1.10 p.m.—Food for Thought.  
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.  
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

## TRANSMISSION 3

### Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.88 m.)  
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)  
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. Recital of Music for Two Pianofortes.  
2.35 p.m.—'The Goddess Fortune'. A drama of back-stage life.  
3.15 p.m.—The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines (Plymouth Division).  
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.  
4.28 p.m.—'As I See It'—6. A talk by the Right Hon. Margaret Bondfield, LL.D.  
4.35 p.m.—The Bath Pump Room Orchestra.  
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

### A Bidding Play

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: Here's another hand in case you can use it as the text for one of your daily sermons. I guess I misbid and misplayed it, and my partner misplayed it, and possibly the declarer misbid it, which leaves North to be congratulated on perfect bidding.

"West, dealer.  
"Neither side vulnerable.

North	
S.—10 8 5 4	
H.—K 9 5 3	
D.—7	
C.—9 8 4 3	
West	East
S.—A K Q J 7 6 3 2	S.—None
H.—10	H.—A J 7 6 4 2
D.—9 8	D.—K 6 3 2
C.—7 6	C.—K 10 5
South	
S.—9	
H.—Q 8	
D.—A Q J 10 5 4	
C.—A Q J 2	

"I, West, bid four spades; North passed promptly; East passed slowly; South bid five diamonds without much hesitation. I passed it to my partner, who doubled. I might have opened with a two-way three bid instead of a one-way four bid. What a difference one little spade in East's hand would make for a three no trump bid! Not that South, with his hand, would pass three no trump.

"I led my singleton heart and partner faithfully returned the suit for a ruff. I then pondered which suit to lead. Partner's low heart return was not a suit preference signal, as partner never used such signals. Partner should have returned the heart jack. Anyway, I finally decided to lead a spade. I think I led the ace instead of the king. Why not? Eventually East made the two minor kings, setting South three.

"No other play could have set

South more, but we misplayed the hand just the same. My spade return should have been the jack so East would ruff and return another heart. As I played the spade ace, East should have ruffed my ace to return a heart in case I had the trump queen.

"Yours,

"P. E. B., Tampa, Fla."

The principal lesson taught by this hand is the value of preemptive bidding. The burden of decision was put squarely onto South's shoulders by the opening four spade bid, and I do not think that South can be censured for going astray. The five diamond bid certainly was persuasive and, of course, there was no way for South to tell that he could successfully defend against four spades.

As to the play, my correspondent's comments are quite in order. After winning with the heart ace, East should have indicated a preference for the suit he wanted returned by leading back a high heart. This would direct partner to return the higher to the two suits (outside of trumps) not yet touched and, obviously, as between spades and clubs, this would have directed a spade return.

Although as the cards actually lay it made no difference, slight changes in distribution would have made the suit preference signal valuable.

### TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: When players move from table to table in progressive bridge, how should the partnership of the newcomers at a table be determined?

Answer: The two new arrivals at each table draw cards first, the one drawing the higher card becoming the dealer and the other sits at the left of the dealer. The two players who already were at the table then draw, the higher becoming the partner of the dealer.

## BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

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1.M.T.

3.15 a.m.—Big Ben. Jack Payne with his Band.

## What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"History Is Made At Night"—Dark-eyed Charles Boyer and blonde Jean Arthur are the handsome new team of screen lovers in Walter Wanger's new film romance. Leon Carrillo, Colin Clive and Ivan Lebedeff play important roles.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Virgins Of Bai"—with an entire native cast. The story deals of two lovely sisters, the ambition of both being to become temple dancers. The romance of one with a handsome native and the elopement and marriage are enacted with all the native customs.

AT THE STAR—"Two In A Crowd"—with Joan Bennett and Joel McCrea. A romantic comedy drama of two young moderns, following the discovery of a thousand dollar bill in the street.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"High, Wide And Handsome"—A hard-fighting, thrill-studded drama of America's first oil boom, with a background of lovely songs by Oscar Hammerstein II and Jerome Kern. The huge cast is headed by Irene Dunne, Randolph Scott, Dorothy Lamour, Akim Tamiroff, Raymond Walburn, Charles Bickford, Ben Blue, Elisabeth Patterson and William Frawley.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Dodsworth," with Paul Lukas, Mary Astor, Ruth Chatterton and David Niven. The absorbing and dramatic story of a hard working, easy-going American husband who retired to travel and find himself but instead found out his selfish and frivolous wife.



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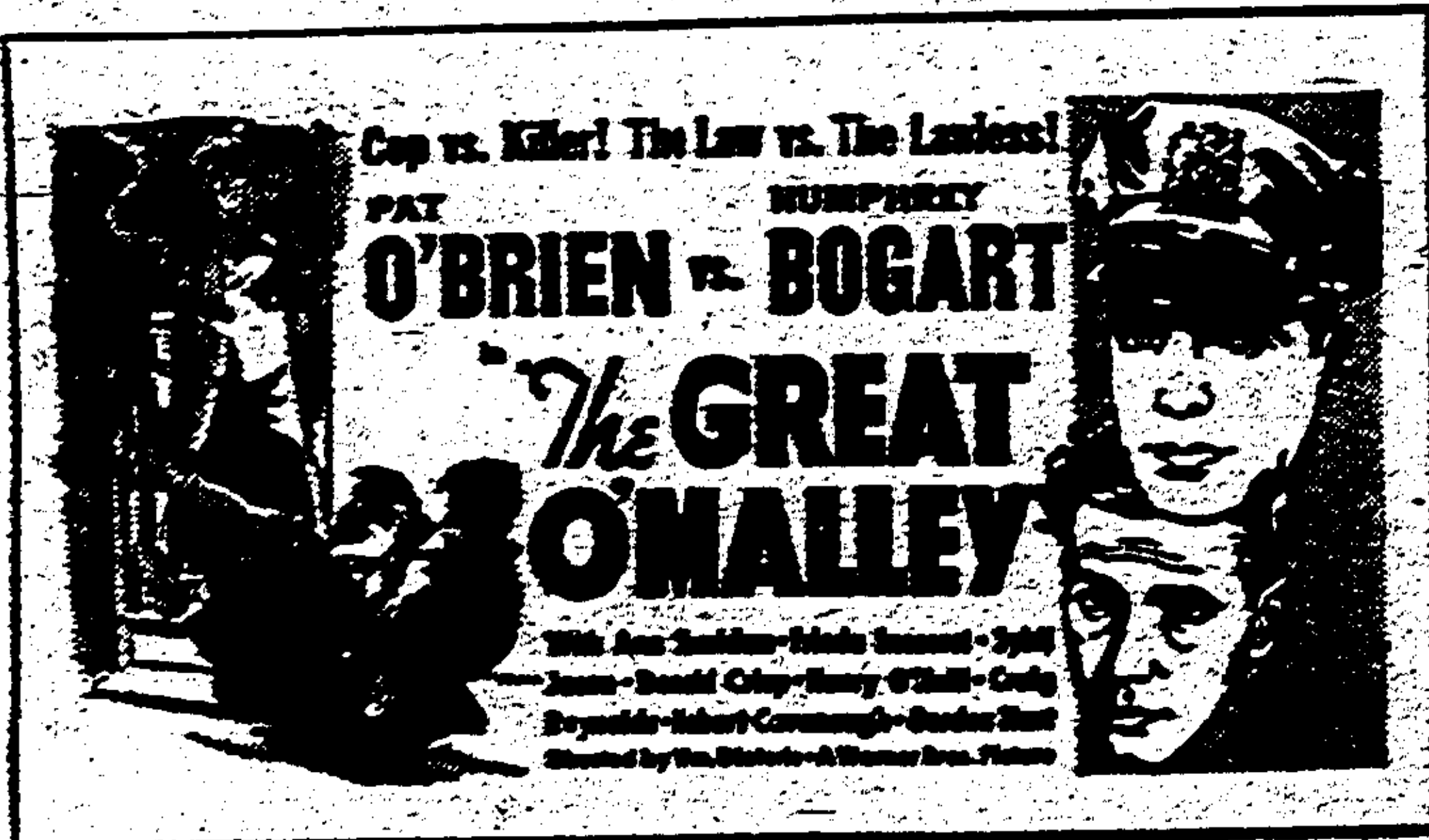
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In a play with a moral, Sutton Vane has treated a difficult subject with great delicacy. Most people do not care to think about death and what follows it. Vane writes a play about it and manages to incorporate a variety of conceptions, both biblical and ultra-modern, while introducing an uncanny mixture of comedy and drama, which maintains a keen interest until the final curtain.

One would have thought that a play such as this to be a trifle ambitious for an amateur organisation. Successful production requires a deep understanding of the author. Cyril Brown evidently has that understanding and has instilled it into his cast. Each and every character "lived" his or her "dead" role to the last detail and it is difficult to imagine a more convincing presentation.

**THE LAST VOYAGE**

The setting is not elaborate—all the action takes place in the smoke-room of a small passenger-liner, off on a voyage to what is discovered by the passengers, to be an unknown destination.

To begin with, everything is so apparently normal that none of them realise that there is anything odd about the trip. The habitual drunk makes for the bar, the snob continues her snobbery, the clergyman carries on in his efforts to help those in need of it, the charwoman is her usual unassuming self, the pompous self-made business man remains intolerant of failure.

Then comes the awful realisation that they are all dead and this is, in fact, their last voyage. The discovery is made by the drunk, portrayed by Nigel Waymouth, in a dramatic outburst and the various reactions of his fellow-passengers make a grimly interesting study.

**MAGNIFICENT PLAYING**

Nigel Waymouth as Prior, the drunk, and Phyllis Henderson as Mrs. Clivedon-Banks, in the biggest and most difficult roles, handled them brilliantly well.

John Abbott, as the Padre, gave a convincing portrayal, while Cyril Champkin, as Scrubby, the steward, and Maud Mather, as the cockney charwoman were also exceedingly effective.

Myrtle Brown and Gerald Nigel, as the young lovelorn couple who have committed suicide, have little to say, but their parts demand skilled actors and they were the dazed, passionate lovers, terribly afraid of being separated, willing to face death in order to be together, to the life.

Phillip Mason, as Mr. Lingley, unscrupulous business-man, who "had never lost a penny in his life" and who could not stand failure by anyone else, was well-nigh perfect. The one characterisation which I felt was less convincing was that of Cyril James, as the examiner, the Rev. Frank Thomson. One felt the role demanded more restraint.

This is a first-rank play by a well-balanced and skilful cast and should on no account be missed.—N. A. E. M.

**EPIDEMIC OF  
ROBBERY**

Mrs. L. Maurne, of No. 5, Cameron Road, has reported to the Police the loss of a hand bag containing \$40 in money and a ring valued at \$500 from the above address. A quantity of rope, valued at \$30, has been reported stolen from the Texas Oil Co. at Tsun Wan, by Mr. Herman.

Mr. F. R. Spenceley, chief officer of the s.s. Talamba, has reported the lost of a gold watch and chain, valued at \$40, and \$6 in notes from his cabin. The ship is at Kowloon Docks.

While shopping at the May May Co. in Queen's Road Central yesterday afternoon, Mr. Jilloth lost a hand bag containing \$35, a driver's licence and two keys.

**ULSTER RIFLES  
BID COLONY  
FAREWELL**

Details of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Ulster Rifles who are leaving for India and details from other Units leaving for England after service in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tientsin, were given a wonderful send-off this morning when the Transport Dilwara sailed for India and England via Singapore, leaving the wharf to the accompaniment of cheers from hundreds of spectators, and martial music from the Band of Middlesex Regiment, and the Pipes and Drums from the 1st Battalion the Seaforth Highlanders and the Kumaon Rifles.

Hundreds of friends who had boarded the Dilwara earlier in the morning to bid bon voyage to friends and relatives, were signalled to leave the ship at 11.30 a.m., by a short blast on the whistle and promptly at noon, the big troopship moved stern-first into the harbour to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," intermingled with the skirl of the Pipes and beat of the kettle drums.

Officers of practically all units in the Colony were present on the wharf, headed by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major General A. W. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Mrs. Bartholomew the G.S.O., I, Col. N. M. S. Irwin, D.S.O., M.C., Brigadier A. B. Thomson, M.B.E., Major J. F. Benoy, and Col. A. Burrows.

Touching scenes were witnessed as the ship was about to move away, amidst of military families weeping and waving, while even cabaret girls were on the wharf to bid adieu to friends.

**ASSAULT APPEAL  
DISMISSED**

An appeal by Li Ting-fat, represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, against the conviction by Mr. Kennedy-Skipton at the Taipo Police Court for common assault on two Chinese women, Li Yan-shi and Li Kan-mui, was unsuccessfully made before the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Court of Appeal this morning.

Mr. Silva submitted that the conviction was against the weight of the evidence, but the Chief Justice ruled that there was an abundance of testimony to justify the learned Magistrate's finding.

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# MR. ATTLEE FACING VOTE OF CENSURE IN COMMONS ON RETURN TO LONDON

London, To-day.

THE leader of the British parliamentary labour party, Mr. Clement Attlee, who with Miss Ellen Wilkinson and Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, is leaving Barcelona to-day en route to England, will face a motion of censure in the House of Commons.

The motion will be tabled by a Conservative member following Mr. Attlee's announcement that he will convene a meeting in London to inform people about the facts of the situation in "unbeaten and in-

vincible Republican Spain."

In Barcelona yesterday, Miss Ellen Wilkinson repudiated in an interview with Reuter the suggestion that Mr. Attlee had said or done anything which might be interpreted as a breach of faith.

She said the meeting mentioned had been arranged six weeks ago.—Reuter.

## HAND GRENADE THROWN AT MOTOR COACH

Jerusalem, To-day.

A serious clash, in which one Arab was killed and dozens of shots exchanged, occurred here last night.

An Arab had thrown a hand grenade at a motorcoach full of Jews but the missile exploded before reaching its goal.

The passengers in the coach took up the chase and succeeded in overtaking the Arab.

Meanwhile the police had entered into the fray and the bomb-thrower was shot several times and died while on the way to hospital.—Trans-Ocean.

### COMMONS STATEMENT

London, To-day.

In a statement on Palestine at Commons question-time, the Colonial Secretary said that in the last fortnight there had been a few further outrages involving loss of life. Several cases had already been heard by military courts and in one case the death sentence was imposed and carried out.

Mr. Ormsby Gore declared: "I am satisfied that all appropriate steps are being taken to deal effectively with terrorist activities."

Replying to a supplementary question on when it was proposed to send out the next Commission, he said: "Not at present."—British Wireless.

## WUHU BOMBING REGRETS

London, To-day.

The bombing of the two British ships, Tackwo and Tatung, on the Yangtze at Wuhu was the subject of a protest to the Japanese by the Commander-in-Chief, China Station.

As a result, the Chief of Staff of the Japanese Commander-in-Chief called on board H.M.S. Falmouth and expressed to Admiral Sir Charles Little the Japanese Commander-in-Chief's personal regret for what had occurred.

Both ships, which were flying the British flag and had the usual marks of identification, were hit and the Tatung was beached.—British Wireless.

## R.A.F. BOMBER CRASH: RT. REV. BULLEN KILLED

London, To-day.

The Right Rev. Herbert Guy Bullen, Assistant Bishop in Egypt and the Sudan, lost his life in the crash of an R.A.F. bomber in which he was flying yesterday.

The pilot was also killed in the tragedy, which occurred between Bor and Ruba.

It is ascertained that Mrs. Bullen was not accompanying her husband when the plane crashed.—Reuter.

## LYING LOW AFTER BRUSSELS

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary in a Commons answer regarding the League's Far Eastern Advisory Committee recalled that the Chairman had stated his intention to convoke it again at such a time as might appear desirable having in view the work of the Brussels Conference and taking account of any proposals his colleagues might make to him.

Mr. Eden added that so far as he was aware no Government had proposed a further meeting.—British Wireless.

## ITALY'S RECOGNITION OF MANCHUKUO

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons about Italy's recognition of Manchukuo, the Foreign Secretary informed the House that the action appeared to be inconsistent with the recommendation of the report unanimously adopted by the League Assembly in September, 1933.

Referring to China's protest at Geneva, Mr. Eden said its terms did not appear to call for any action by the British Government at Geneva.—British Wireless.

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## FEMALE FAKIR IN STAGE TRAGI-COMEDY: TOO REALISTIC STAGE TEST

Berlin, To-day.

THE well-known female fakir, Koringa, daughter of an Indian mother and an Algerian father, was involved in an exciting incident which occurred while she was performing her turn on the stage of a big vaudeville theatre in Basle, Switzerland, yesterday.

After she had performed the first part of her turn, which consists in hypnotising a number of snakes, an eagle and a crocodile, she proceeded to display the invulnerability of her body by stabbing three sharp daggers into her arms and neck, responding to this with an exotic smile of enchantment.

Following usual practice, her stage partner asked whether any doctor in the audience would come forward to prove genuineness of the act.

### PUT TO TEST!

A man came forward withdrew one of the daggers, and before her partner could interfere, made a vicious stab with it at the artiste's arm, the blow penetrating to the bone.

The artiste uttered a piercing scream and collapsed.

In the general panic that ensued the assailant, who was probably only giving expression to his doubt or credulity, was able to get away before his identity was established. — Trans-Ocean.

## R.A.F. FLYERS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN SINGAPORE

London, To-day.

The five Royal Air Force flying-boats of the No. 204 (General Reconnaissance) Squadron, which left Plymouth on December 2, on a formation flight to Australia and back, arrived at Bahrain yesterday afternoon from Lake Habbaniyah.

The squadron will spend Christmas at Singapore.

They will take part in the New South Wales 150th anniversary celebrations and are due back at Plymouth on May 10 next by which date they will have flown approximately 30,000 miles.—British Wire- less.

## CHINA GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AT CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

The Executive Yuan met yesterday under the chairmanship of the Finance Minister, Dr. H. H. Kung, in the absence of General Chiang Kai-shek, and decided on measures relating to conferment of posthumous honours on the late Panchen Lama to be formulated by the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission for submission to the Executive Yuan.

Meanwhile, a joint message of condolence on the death of the Panchen Lama has been despatched by the Central Executive Yuan and the Supervisory Committee to Chao Shou-yu, the special commissioner who was to have escorted the Panchen Lama to Lhasa.—Reuter.

## STEAMER SUNK IN RED SEA

London, To-day.

A British steamer sank yesterday at the entrance of the Red Sea, while en route to the United States with a cargo of ore from Calcutta.

The crew were taken off by an Italian steamer.—Reuter.

## GREEN SHIRT REPRESSION IN EGYPT

London, To-day.

Legislative measures designed to protect the Egyptian Government from public and press attacks are being planned by the Premier, Nahas Pasha, says the "Daily Telegraph."

Necessity for such action became evident, says the journal, in the course of investigations following the attempt to assassinate the Premier, these revealing that an organised campaign of criticism of the Egyptian Government, as well as secret political groups, is being controlled and financed "from abroad."

The would-be assassin belonged to the so-called Green Shirts, and preceding the act was seen repeatedly in Baghdad and Damascus.

Measures planned will include dissolution of all secret organisations and heavy penalties for persons who attempt to revive or continue them.—Trans-Ocean.

## ATTACK ON WUHU POSTPONED

Hankow, 11.30 a.m. To-day.

It is reliably learned that the attack on Wuhu by Japanese troops has, at least for the time being, been called off, as a result, it is believed of the developments round Nanking, where the Japanese are realising that the task they have set themselves is a heavy one, likely to be costly.

After approaching to within 10 kilometres of Wuhu, the Japanese advance was halted yesterday afternoon, and later reports state that the three brigades forming the column are apparently proceeding north to strengthen the forces attacking Nanking.—Our Own Correspondent.



# CHIANG KAI-SHEK PEACE SUING REPORT DISCOUNTED

"The Times" Says Japan's Outlook Far From Rosy

## JAPAN DOES NOT KNOW WHAT SHE WANTS

London, To-day.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is now left with the choice of two alternatives by reason of the latest developments in the Sino-Japanese war, declares "The Times."

He can either make Japan some offer, designed finally to lead to an armistice or he can choose to continue the war.

The Chinese leader is unlikely to adopt the first mentioned course, as it is generally held in Chinese military circles that developments on the actual fighting front are of less importance than those taking place behind the lines, where the enemy is bound to be confronted with most difficult problems of a military and administrative character, such as might very well help to create an atmosphere in which China could be able to enter into negotiations without loss of prestige.

It must be admitted, however, that this chance is only a faint one.

On the other hand, everything seems to indicate that Japan does not know what she wants.

### TWO PARTS

Apparently China is to be divided into two parts, of which one will be ruled by the Chinese and the other by the Japanese in the form of a puppet government.

Both these forms of administration would, however, place Japan in a difficult situation, for if she proceeded to attempt to smash Chiang Kai-shek, it would merely cause those provinces which still remained outside the Japanese sphere to sink into a state of political chaos, in which Communism would flourish.

Taking the long view in the matter, concludes "The Times," Japan's prospects in China are anything but rosy.—Trans-Ocean.

## DR. R.C. ROBERTSON AND HIS OBITUARY

London, To-day.

Dr. R. C. Robertson, of Shanghai, has arrived in London and intends to fly back to China after Christmas to take charge of the British anti-epidemic unit.

Referring to the obituary notice published after a false report of his death, Dr. Robertson said with a chuckle: "It is not so nice as I thought it would be. Perhaps next time it will be better to prepare it oneself in advance."

Dr. Robertson is trying to enlist help for the Lord Mayor's Fund for China, and emphasised that what they are able to do now only touched the fringe of the terrible problem.

He said mission hospitals in China were performing noble work and their history should be written in letters of gold.—Reuter.

## S.V.C. TO AID S.M.P. AGAINST CRIME WAVE

Shanghai, To-day.

As a means of assisting the Shanghai Municipal Police in suppressing crime in the International Settlement, a plan has been worked out which will call for partial mobilisation of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Official announcement of the plan has not yet been made, but enquiry among Municipal and Volunteer officials brought forth the information that such a plan is now being considered and may be put into effect within a few days.

According to the reported plan, one battalion of volunteers, about 300 strong, will be called on duty nightly from 6.20 p.m. to midnight.

### CRIME WAVE

It is explained that only reason for the move is to use Volunteers to help the police to bring an end to the crime wave at present sweeping the Settlement.

Armed robberies have increased to such an extent that three or four occur daily.—Reuter.

## NANKING SHIFT

Hankow, To-day.

For the sake of convenience, the Board of Trustees for administration of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund has temporarily removed its office to Hankow from Nanking.

This step was taken in order to facilitate contact with the numerous Central Government organs now functioning here.—Reuter

## BISHOP OF NANKING IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.  
Yu Pin, Bishop of Nanking, arrived here by air yesterday.  
He is leaving for New York on Saturday.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE PROPAGANDA IN PARLIAMENT

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. V. McEntee (Labour, West Walthamstow) asked whether the Board of Trade was aware that in a Japanese news service distributed to Members of the House of Commons it was alleged that twelve tons of phosgene gas were shipped from England to China.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of Overseas Trade, replied that no phosgene gas had been exported from the United Kingdom since the beginning of the year with the exception of three tons consigned to dye works in the Netherlands.

Another member said this news service was addressed from Paris.—Reuter.

## CAN JAPAN WIN POLITICAL VICTORY?

Paris, To-day.

The apparent imminence of the fall of Nanking induces the French press to concern themselves with the question of the future course of events in China.

"Le Petit Journal" asks whether the Japanese will be able to win the war in a political sense, seeing that the political objective is the one that really matters.

It advises the Japanese to adopt a generous attitude and recalls in this respect the political sagacity shown by Bismarck on the eve of Sadowa after the decisive Prussian victory over Austria in the year 1866.—Trans-Ocean.

## CHIANG WILL NOT RETIRE

Hankow, To-day.

General Chiang Kai-shek will remain at his post, a spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Office told Trans-Ocean's representative here.

The spokesman emphasised that the Generalissimo had no intention of abandoning leadership of the country either now or at a later date.—Trans-Ocean.

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# FRANCO BID FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN

## Duke Of Alba On Independence Of Spain

### NATIONALISTS NOT TIED TO ITALY AND GERMANY

London, To-day.

Desire of General Franco for friendly relations with Britain and France, is stressed in an interview which the Duke of Alba and Berwick, Agent-General of the Nationalists in London, gave to the "Daily Telegraph" yesterday.

If Gen. Franco, he said, did not entertain friendly feelings towards Britain, he would not have sent him (the Duke) as his representative to London.

### MEETING OF NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

The international non-intervention sub-committee meets again this morning.

In a Commons answer yesterday the Foreign Secretary recalled that the Committee's resolution of November 4 related to the withdrawal of non-Spanish volunteers on both sides, to the reinforcement of the observation scheme and to the grant of belligerent rights, and pointed out that there were, therefore, a number of questions to be considered by the Committee before the resolution could be given effect, apart from the particular points raised in the replies of the two Spanish parties.

He added an assurance, so far as the British Government were concerned, that everything was being done to expedite the Committee's work.—British Wireless.

Spain would only be doing herself harm by falling out with her best customer, and there was no truth in the assertion that Nationalist Spain had completely tied herself up with Germany and Italy.

Nationalist Spain was grateful for the help rendered by these Powers against the common enemy, but Spain retained her independence. The Nationalist cause was being financed by Spain herself, and not one penny was owing to any foreign Power.

### FOREIGN AID

It was quite correct, he said, that there were about 6,000 German technicians and 40,000 Italian volunteers in Spain, but it should be borne in mind that the Nationalists now had an army of about 1,800,000 men. Germany and Italy would be satisfied with defeat of Communism in Spain but the latter's future belonged solely and alone to Spaniards.

### VOLUNTEER ISSUE

Asked to express his views on the withdrawal of foreign volunteers, the Duke stressed Gen. Franco's

### AGED ARAB'S SENTENCE REDUCED

Jerusalem, To-day.

Major-General Wavell, commanding British forces in Palestine, has confirmed the conviction of an aged Arab father and his son by the military court at Nazareth for carrying arms.

The son's sentence of life imprisonment is confirmed but the father's sentence reduced from life to one year, it is believed owing to his age.—Reuter.

### INDO-CHINA REINFORCEMENT DENIED

Paris, To-day.

Reports that the French garrison in Indo-China is being reinforced, are denied by the Colonial Ministry as totally unfounded.

Possibly, it is declared, these reports have arisen through troop transports for Shanghai having passed through Saigon.—Trans-Ocean.

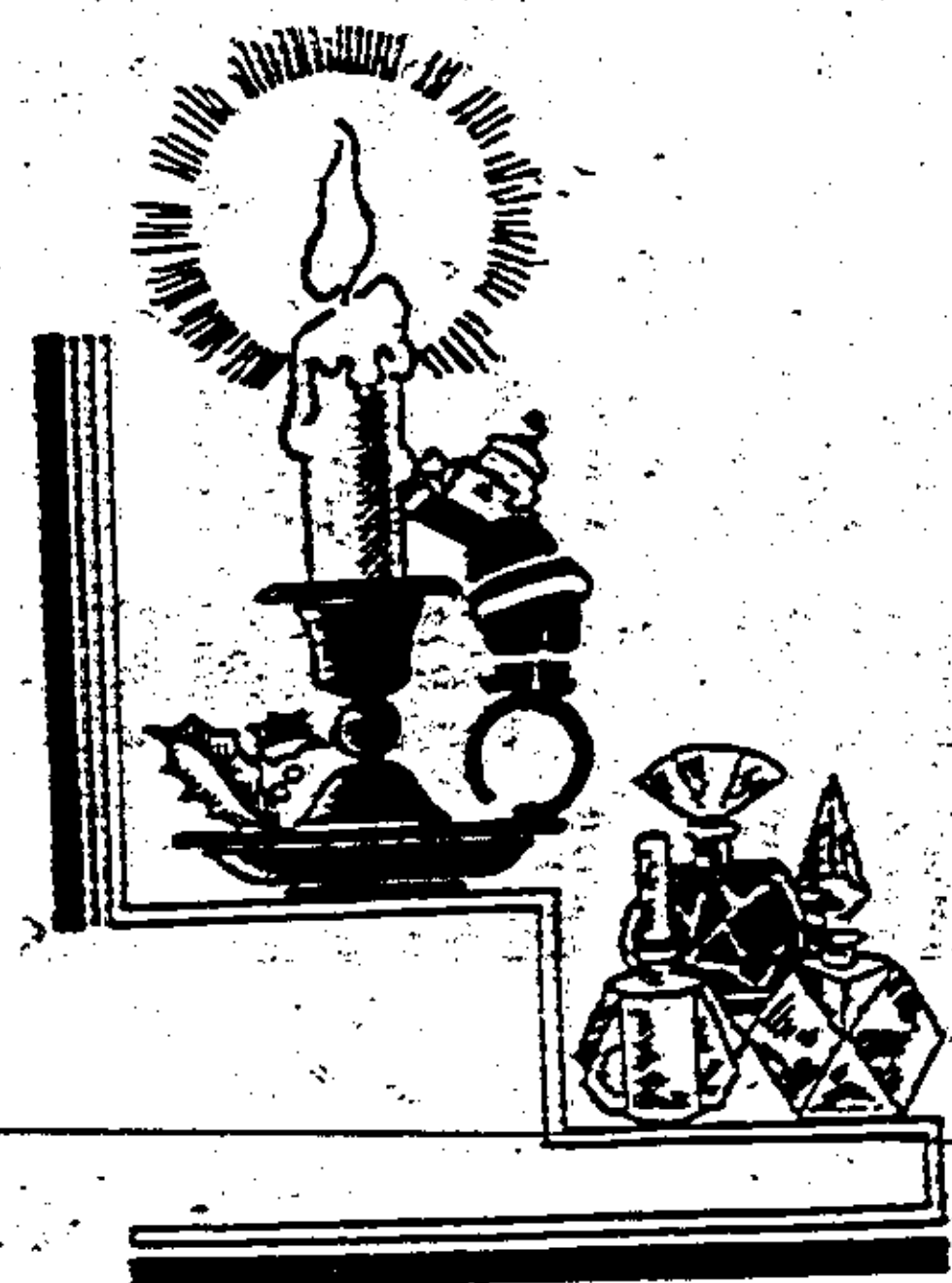
### ARMY RECRUITING

London, To-day.

willingness for such withdrawal.

Finally, he said that whereas the Nationalists had already taken first steps for restoring close commercial relations with Britain, in Republican Spain, British interests had been "virtually eliminated." — Trans-Ocean.

The intake of recruits for all arms in the Regular Army during last week was 540, an increase of 47 over the corresponding week of last year.—British Wireless.



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The barber will shave no one else.

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Mr. Stockton, you see, is one of the best known newspaper correspondents in the Far East.

But that's not the reason why all the facilities provided by the N.Y.K. line on the Kitano Maru

are being set apart for him alone. He just happens to be the only passenger aboard.

Scenes of revelry were witnessed in the "China Mail" office yesterday evening, after the fifteenth edition of the day had been put to bed.

Present were the Editor (just Ed. to his pals), Cedric ("Private Faces in Public Faces") Erlund, Adrem, the "China Mail" sports columnist, and Ulysses, who, of course, needs no introduction.

Reason for the gaiety was a new dark Munich beer which Ewo have just put on the market. Brewed in Shanghai, apparently, in spite of shot and shell, it is a drink fit even for one of the Ulysses family.

In fact, this Ulysses was discovered in the office early this morning under a pile of empty bottles. He was understood by an irate editor to be mumbling "More, More," but was instead placed in the ice chest to cool off.

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# FRENCH VIEW OF JAPANESE AMBITIONS IN FAR EAST

## Will Dictate To Powers In North And Shanghai

### SOVIET "PASSIVITY" AN ASTONISHING FEATURE

Paris, To-day.

Events in the Far East and M. Yvon Delbos' tour of Europe continue to be the chief topics in the Paris press.

"Le Temps" calls the battle for Nanking the turning point in the Sino-Japanese conflict, and believes that the moment for direct or indirect peace negotiations has now come.

The paper considers it doubtful, however, whether the Japanese will be willing to negotiate with the Central Government, and regards it as possible that the local governments in Hopei and Chahar, and the autonomous government of Greater Shanghai, constituted under Japanese protection, will be proclaimed as the nucleus of a new Chinese Government with which Japan would alone be prepared to negotiate.

#### JAPAN'S AIMS

The paper considers it certain that the Japanese will make fullest use of their military successes, and warns the European powers to reckon on the eventuality that Japan will dictate not only to the five North China provinces but also to Shanghai, the policy they must follow.

Japan above all, is determined to secure for herself important privileges, in those regions where Japan claims to have vital economic interests, but her policy also aims at the creation of a basis for close and permanent "co-operation" between Japan and China, at least that part of China north of the Yangtze.

The apparent passivity of Russia is regarded by the paper as "one of the most astonishing features of the present situation." — Trans-Ocean.

### TURKISH ARMY REPORTED ON MOVE NR. SYRIA

Damascus, To-day.

Denouncement by Turkey of the Pact of Amity with Syria, in retaliation for the Syrian Chamber's decision not to recognise the Sanjak (District) of Alexandretta, has caused considerable excitement in Damascus.

Wild rumours circulating include one that Turkish troops may shortly occupy the Sanjak.

Another report has it that Turkish troops are concentrating in large numbers on the Syrian border.

Tension, according to press reports, is particularly serious in the Sanjak itself, where clashes are reported to have occurred between Turks and Arabs at Alexandretta. — Trans-Ocean.

### LOCATION OF INDUSTRY DEBATE

London, To-day.

The Commons, by 202 votes to 124 rejected a resolution condemning the government for inaction on the problem of the location of industry from the points of view both of defence and the plight of the workers.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, at the end of the debate, outlined the inducements which had been designed by Government for the express purpose of assisting the location of industry in particular areas.

In the meantime, the work of the Royal Commission on the subject was proceeding as expeditiously as possible and the Minister appealed for the suspension of judgment until its Report appeared. — British Wireless.

### MR. EDEN AND ISHII OF VISIT

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden was asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether he would not take advantage of the presence in London of the former Japanese Ambassador to London, Viscount Ishii, to demand explanation of the various attacks on British subjects or soldiers in China.

Mr. Eden answered that he had heard that Viscount Ishii had declared that he was in Europe on a purely private visit, so that it was out of the question to make any representations to him.

In any case, representations on the matter had already been made to the Japanese Government by the Ambassador in Tokyo, this being the correct method of procedure. — Trans-Ocean.

### Viscount Ishii Sees Mr. Eden

London, To-day.

Viscount Ishii, former Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, saw Mr. Anthony Eden yesterday, but nothing is known of the subject of discussion. — Trans-Ocean.

### BERNHARD PROMISES NOT TO DRIVE AGAIN

Amsterdam, To-day.

Prince Bernhard, who is still suffering from injuries sustained in his recent motor accident, has promised his wife, Princess Juliana, that after his recovery he will no drive a car again.

The undertaking is believed to have cost the Prince a great sacrifice, as it is well-known that he is passionately fond of driving powerful high-speed cars in which he delights to race at top speed with hood down over the Netherlands.

Prince Bernhard's chauffeur has an easy time, as the Prince usually insists on him remaining at home or his occupying the emergency seat in his two-seater racing car.

On the day on which the accident occurred, the Prince was as usual driving himself.

It is related here that doctors attending Princess Juliana had advised the Prince to give the promise in order to share his wife any undue anxiety because the birth of her first child is expected shortly. — Trans-Ocean.

### GOLD PAYMENT JUDGMENT

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian Supreme Court yesterday gave a verdict against the Norwegian Government in the final instance requiring the Government to pay interest and redeem capital in gold \$123,000,000 bonds containing the gold clause issued by the Government.

In the lower courts, bondholders who had brought a suit against the Government, had obtained a negative verdict. — Trans-Ocean.

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**PEACE RUMOURS**

The air is alive with rumours of impending negotiations for peace in China and of the emergence of a peace-at-any-price regime in Nanking in substitution for that of General Chiang Kai-shek. What remains uncertain is the part that diplomacy is really playing behind the scenes, what part propaganda and kitemong generally are playing in the creation of an atmosphere of discouragement in China, and whether or not the apparently astounding turn of events really consists of more than a remarkably stage-managed piece of bluff. It has to be remembered that the origin of the vast majority of the reports are suspect. They emanate largely from Tokyo and from the Tokyo press. The Japanese Foreign Office spokesman yesterday, questioned closely regarding the rumours, was not so ready to subscribe to the flood, but was blunt, on the other hand, in declaring that Japan had not formulated any terms upon which she would consider peace with China.

There is not the slightest reason to doubt that Japan is ready to cease military operations if she is furnished with a favourable opportunity. That merely makes all the more remarkable that there should be even a suggestion of China's readiness to comply. The peace-at-any-price whisperers seek to make calamity out of the impending fall of Nanking, it is true, but memories must be extremely short. When the war began and China proclaimed her determination to resist, her leaders were fully aware of the likely course of events, all the pros and cons were duly weighed and the decision to fight reached. Shanghai held out for at least two months longer than China's most hopeful supporters had any right to expect. The move to Nanking has been swifter, but the Japanese military statement issued yesterday made no attempt to conceal the fact that they would prefer to avoid the expense in men and munitions involved in taking the capital by storm. All China's strategy has been constructed on the assumption that, sooner or later, Nan-

king must fall, that to complete their military victory the Japanese invaders would be drawn deeper and deeper into the interior, until the invasion collapsed under the inability of Japan to maintain the sinews of war. Why, at this stage, with things working in that direction, there should be hints of Chiang Kai-shek's retirement and a breakdown of his administration is little short of bewildering. No explanation has been forthcoming. If China's morale has reached such dire straits thus soon in the conflict, the reasons must be found elsewhere. Accompanying the hints it must be admitted, there have been disturbing rumours that Britain may change her policy and try to fit herself into another scheme of things for economic reasons. Until such a volte face is demonstrably undeniable, we must refuse to believe it. It was Emiel Faguet who once remarked that when economic considerations dominated, democracy would meet disaster. The dictum could never have truer application than to the policy of the Western Powers, and of Britain particularly, in the Far East.

Our own interpretation of the course of events is a simple one, namely, that the German Ambassador in Tokyo is filling the role at the Gaimusho that Dr. Trautmann occupied in Nanking. China's leader has been sounded. Germany now seeks to discover Japan's minimum demands. Herr Hitler will be able to judge, when both reports are in his hands, whether any profit could be derived by intervention as a voluntary mediator.

It is, however, a long stride from diplomatic activity of that kind to Sino-Japanese peace negotiations with Japan in a position to dictate the terms. Today China as we see it, fights on with no great reason for discouragement. The situation is not notably more difficult than anticipation predicted. Japan's task is only beginning. It is impossible, at this moment, to believe that any of China's leaders can be ready for the abject surrender that rumour seeks to imply.

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**The I.P.C.**

The first British congress of the International Peace Campaign was held in London recently, and was attended by 778 delegates and some visitors and observers from abroad. The main resolution called for a movement to demonstrate "not only that Great Britain desires peace but that its people are prepared to stand by its obligations under the League Covenant to ensure it." A belief in the League is fundamental to the International Peace Campaign. Lord Cecil in his opening address as president described the campaign as a "movement back to the League." He claimed that the methods of the League had repeatedly proved adequate when they had been applied with determination. He instanced the Nyon Arrangement. He hoped that the Powers taking part in the China negotiations would enter on their work in the Nyon spirit, the spirit to insist on peace even at the cost of taking strong action. The conference passed a resolution in favour of a trade boycott of Japan and of "all necessary steps" to put an end to intervention in Spain.



# BATTLE RAGES ALL NIGHT ROUND NANKING

Japanese Main Bodies Slowly Nearing Walls

## FEVERISH PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENCE COMPLETED

### JAPANESE FINAL SORTIE AT KIANGYIN

Shanghai, To-day.

Strong Japanese detachments which crossed the Yangtse near Kiangyin in junks under cover of heavy artillery fire yesterday morning, captured the forts on the other bank some time later.

Occupation of these forts will enable the Japanese to clear the river for passage of warships by removing junks filled with concrete which the Chinese had sunk in order to block traffic up river.

After the passage has been cleared the Japanese will be in a position to send warships up-river at least as far as Chinkiang where another boom has been constructed. A whole series is believed to exist also between Chinkiang and Nanking. Their warships hitherto have been unable to take part in the present operations. — Trans-Ocean.

### CHINKIANG BATTLE UNCERTAINTY

Shanghai, To-day.

Unconfirmed reports state that the Japanese have entered Chinkiang, 70 kilometres west of Nanking.

Japanese troops who have been attacking Kiangyin for some time, are said yesterday to have succeeded in crossing the Yangtse and in carrying out an attack on Chinese detachments near Tsingkiang and Tien-shengchiang.

Japanese quarters attach special importance to this reported development, as it is the first time that Japanese troops have crossed the river towards the north in the district between Shanghai and Nanking. — Trans-Ocean.

### ABSURD ALLEGATION

Tokyo, To-day.

The sensational (and absurd) allegation that the two British ships bombed and hit by Japanese planes at Wuhu were carrying Chinese troops, was made by a Foreign Office spokesman yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

### OMINOUS AIR BROODS OVER CAPITAL

Nanking, To-day.

The splutter of machine-guns and occasional shell fire could be plainly heard all through the night as the main bodies of the advancing Japanese forces drew closer to Nanking.

Feverish work in preparing the defences of the city for what may develop into the bloodiest battle of the whole war, has now been completed.

The Chinese, who have large stocks of rice and ammunition, are in a position to offer stout resistance, but whether they will do more remains to be seen.

Looters are still being summarily shot, and their bodies exhibited publicly as a warning to others.

The post office is closed but the telephone service is still in operation inside the city.

The Japanese are busily moving up supplies, including siege guns, in an attempt to storm the city if the defenders refuse to capitulate as demanded.

#### THIRTY-MILE WALL

The Japanese vanguards are now at many points outside the outer or high sea wall, which has eighteen gates and is 30 miles in circumference.

Among the gates which the Japanese have approached is the Kwanghuamen, or Gate of Glory.

An ominous air broods over the capital, and all civilians have been ordered to move into the so-called safety zone, which the Japanese refuse to recognise, and the prospect of a frightful holocaust if warfare spreads into the city is causing much concern.

All Nanking is declared to be in the war zone.

In order to deprive the Japanese of cover, the Chinese continue set to fire to many buildings, and many beautiful homes in Sun Yat-sen Park went up in flames during the night.

#### FIGHTING IN HILLS

Much sporadic fighting has taken place in the hills between the contending forces but the real battle for Nanking has not yet begun.

#### FOREIGNERS IN RIVER

Last night, as a precautionary measure, the remaining members of the British, United States and German Embassy staffs slept on board ships in the river.

However, they intend to go ashore daily as long as the situation permits.

H.M.S. Scarab and H.M.S. Cricket, British river gunboats, have gone a short distance up-river and are now moored alongside the Ewo hulk.

A number of foreigners are remaining on shore, most of whom are connected with hospitals or the so-called safety zone. — Reuter.

#### NIGHT BATTLE

Shanghai, To-day.

Fighting was going on last night in the hills surrounding Nanking

with the Japanese trying to drive spearhead attacks towards the outer city wall.

The Chinese continue to burn beautiful new residences between the inner and outer walls in order to deprive the Japanese of cover.

Meanwhile the Chinese press reports that the German Ambassador, Dr. Oscar Trautmann, is continuing mediatory efforts. — Reuter.

### ULTIMATUM NOT EVEN READ BY GEN. TANG

Shanghai, To-day.

It is stated here that General Tang Sheng-chi, Garrison Commander of Nanking, refused to read the ultimatum presented by the Japanese military authorities for the surrender of the Capital.

Unless the Chinese Government in Hankow communicates with the Japanese authorities announcing that they are willing to talk peace, the Japanese troops will storm the Capital regardless of cost stated a Japanese spokesman this morning. — Our Own Correspondent.

### — APOLOGY FOR WUHU BOMBING —

London, To-day.

Admiral Hasegawa, commanding Japanese naval units in Chinese waters, yesterday sent his chief of staff to call on Admiral Sir Charles Little to apologise for the bombing of British steamers at Wuhu by Japanese planes.

It is stated in a press report that the Japanese have declared their willingness to pay for damage done. — Trans-Ocean.

### ANTI-SOVIET BOMB OUTRAGE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

The outer office of the Russian "Daily News," a pro-Soviet newspaper published in the French Concession, was damaged last night when an unidentified miscreant who drove up in a black sedan, left a bomb on the window ledge and hurriedly drove off.

The bomb exploded with a loud detonation, shattered a plateglass window and damaged furniture.

There were no casualties, as nobody was in the outer office, although M. Chilkine, the editor and publisher, was on the second floor with twenty Chinese workmen and ten Russian reporters.

#### SIMILAR OUTRAGES

M. Chilkine later stated that the entire building shook and the occupants were badly frightened.

The incident is probably connected with similar happenings when bombs were deposited a few days ago in the Soviet Club and the Soviet Trade Office. Both, however, were discovered before they had time to explode. — Reuter.

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## No Fear Of Flood Of Metal On Market

London, To-day.

A REPORT published in one of yesterday morning's newspapers that Chinese silver was being refined in London on behalf of the United States Treasury, is categorically denied by refiners who inform Reuter that refining was done on behalf of the Chinese Government.

Bullion circles have no fear that silver refined here will be thrown out on the London market, as the Chinese Government is bound by the silver agreement with the United States who are continuing to buy.

There is no possibility that Chinese silver will be unloaded here, even in the event that the United States stopped purchase, as the first ounce of Chinese silver appearing on the market would cause a rout.

### LONDON REFINING

Concerning the reason prompting the Chinese Government to prefer to have silver refined in London, it is conjectured that this course has been adopted in order to facilitate advances to the Chinese Government by British banks.

It is also cheaper and easier to

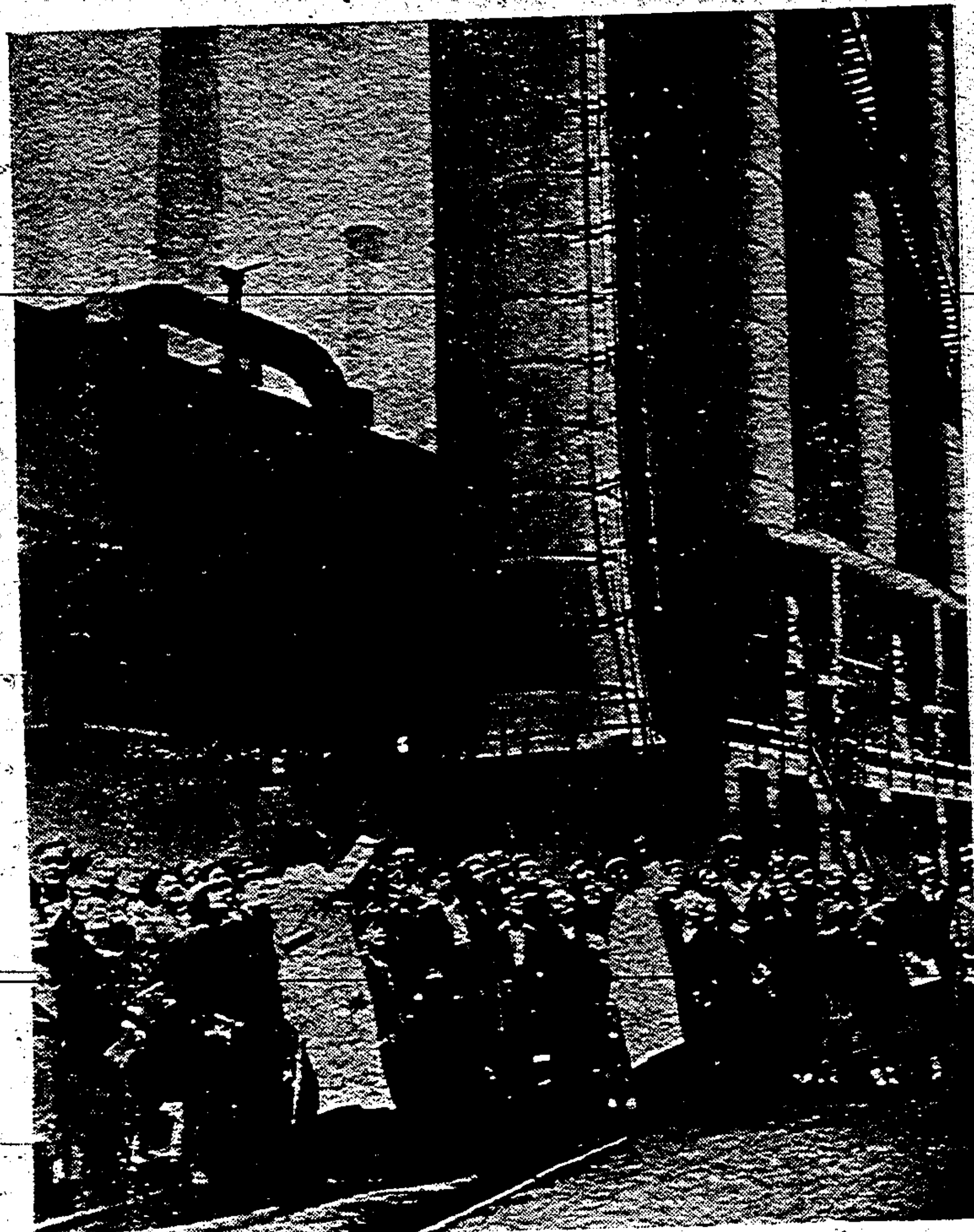
## AIR RAIDS IN SPAIN

Barcelona, To-day.

The report that 200 were killed in the air raid on Tuesday is not confirmed, and it is officially stated that from 50 to 100 were killed and injured.

A second air raid was carried out on the city yesterday afternoon, when three Nationalist bombers flying at great height, were driven off by anti-aircraft guns and then chased by Government planes.—Reuter.

store bags than coin and broken silver.—Reuter.



Top left.

The 18th green at Ilfracombe, North Devon, golf course, is some 25 feet below the level of the tee and is completely hidden. The hole is a short one and to give the all clear to players following, one of the golfers rings the bell before leaving the green. Photo shows—A golfer waiting to ring the bell as his companions leave the 18th green. (Fox Copyright).

(Left)—The Romford schoolchildren who are still on strike and being educated independently, have just had a practical lesson in motor car manufacture. They visited a famous motor-works at Dagenham, accompanied by Councillor Fruitnight, who with other officials is attending to their education during the strike. Photo shows—The children being shown round the motor works. (Fox Copyright).

## SOLICIT ACCUSAT

Mrs. Betty Rogers, Portuguese, was this morning brought before Mr. R. Edwards, Central Magistrate, for an immoral purpose. Road Central yesterday. Sub-Inspector C. S. M. that defendant accosted suggested they go to and then to her house. The defendant denied and was remanded for evidence of character.

## KING LEOPOLD LONDON

King Leopold of the the Queen Mother, who staying as guests of Portland at Welbeck Saturday, arrived in yesterday afternoon.

A denial has been issued the French Foreign Yvon Delbos, will visit his return to Paris to confer with German Trans-Ocean.

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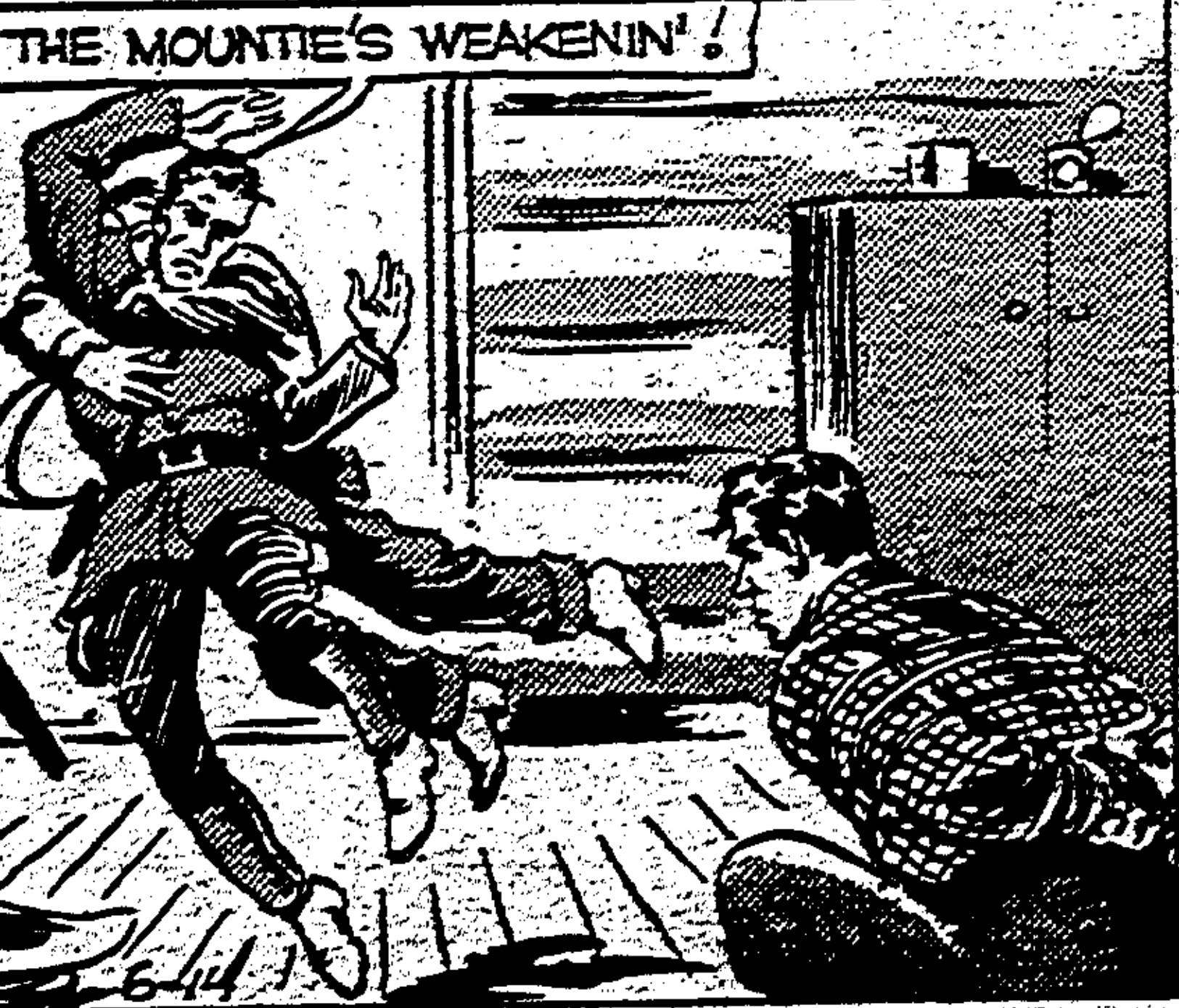
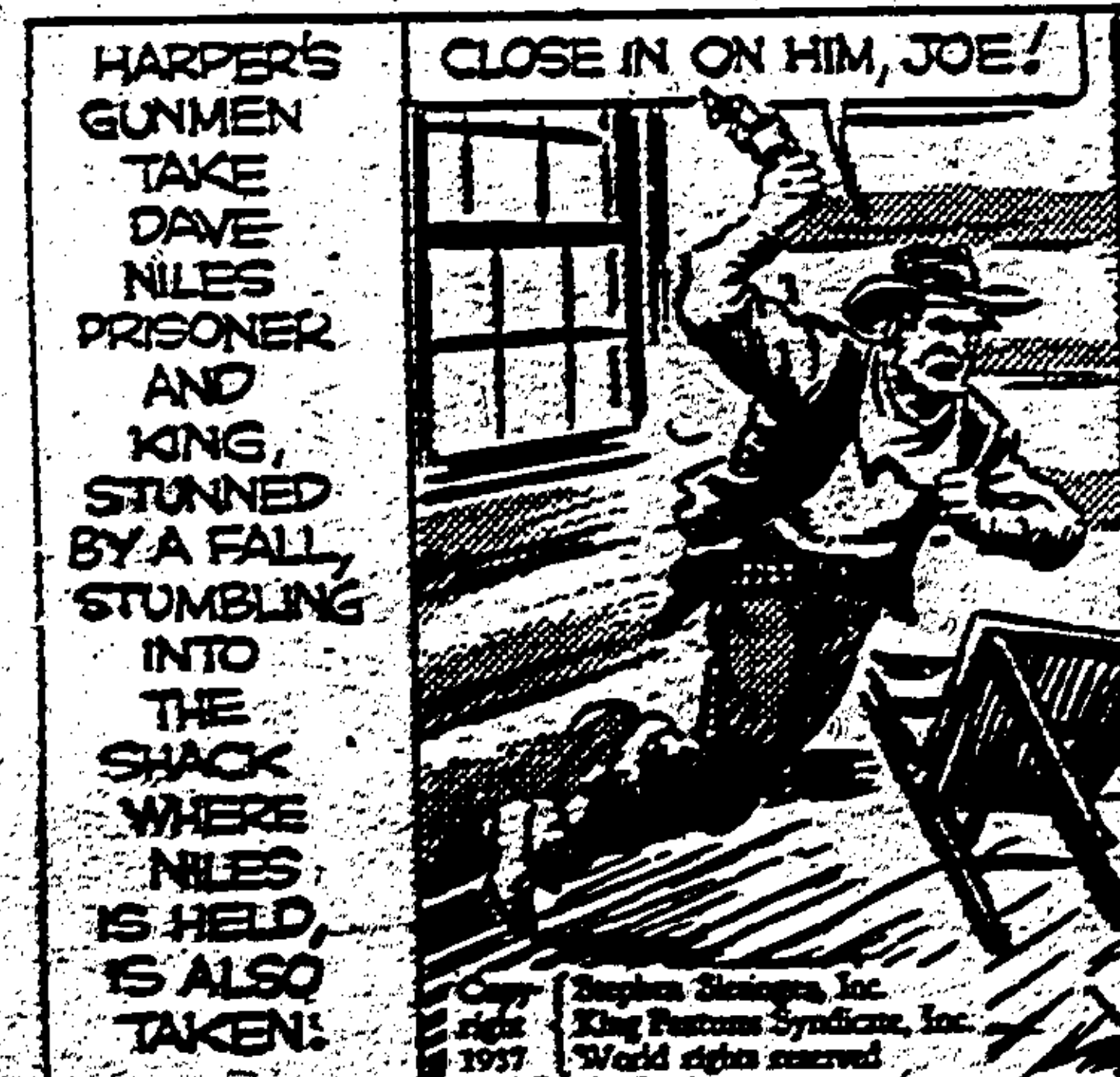
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## RAID ON PALMA DE MALLORCA

Barcelona, To-day.  
Government planes yesterday  
raided Palma de Mallorca in retri-  
bution for the Nationalist bombing  
of Barcelona.

Three Nationalist fighters were  
shot down and one Government  
plane was lost.—Trans-Ocean.

## Fine Generally

The Royal Observatory reported  
this morning that the anti-cyclone  
has dispersed leaving a ridge of  
moderately high pressure over the  
Eastern Sea and Japan.

The typhoon is probably filling  
up.

Local forecast:— N. E. winds,  
moderate, fine generally.

## Sir R. Hodgson Off To Salamanca

London, To-day.  
The principal British Agent to  
Nationalist Spain, Sir Robert Hodg-  
son, will leave London for Salamanca  
on Friday.

His staff will include the commer-  
cial secretary at the British Em-  
bassy at Hendaye.—Trans-Ocean.

## MADRID UNDER BARRAGE

Madrid, To-day.  
Madrid was again heavily  
shelled by Nationalist artillery  
yesterday afternoon.

The bombardment started sudden-  
ly at 4.15 p.m. and lasted over an  
hour.

The population, by now some-  
what used to these bombardments,  
filed in orderly manner into special-  
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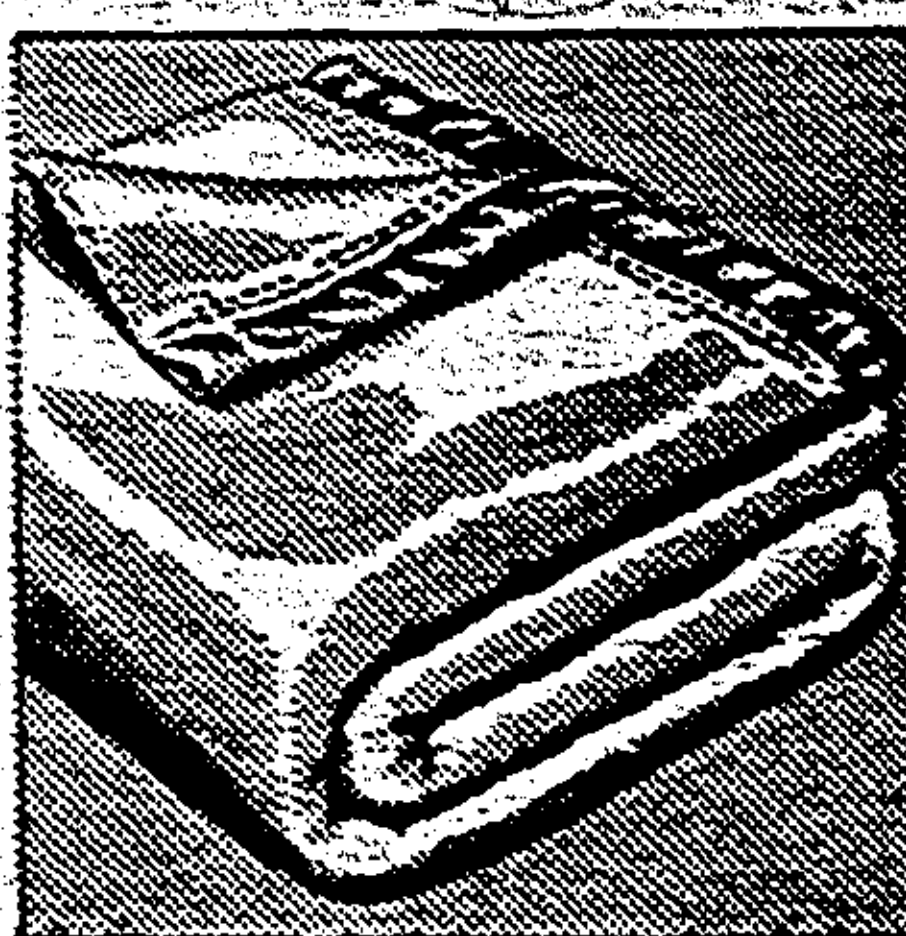
Casualties, however, are believed  
to have been considerable.—Trans-  
Ocean.

## FRENCH FRONTIER SHOOTING

Paris, To-day.  
That the French Government is  
taking a serious view of the shoot-  
ing incident on the Franco-Spanish  
frontier on Sunday, in which a  
young Frenchman lost his life, is  
evident from the fact that the Minis-  
ter of Justice, M. Vincent Auriol,  
has sent the State Attorney-General  
of Montpellier to investigate the  
affair.

Accompanied by several officers of  
the Garde Mobile and a police in-  
spector from Paris, the Attorney-  
General, according to the papers, has  
established that the shooting took  
place on French soil.—Trans-Ocean.

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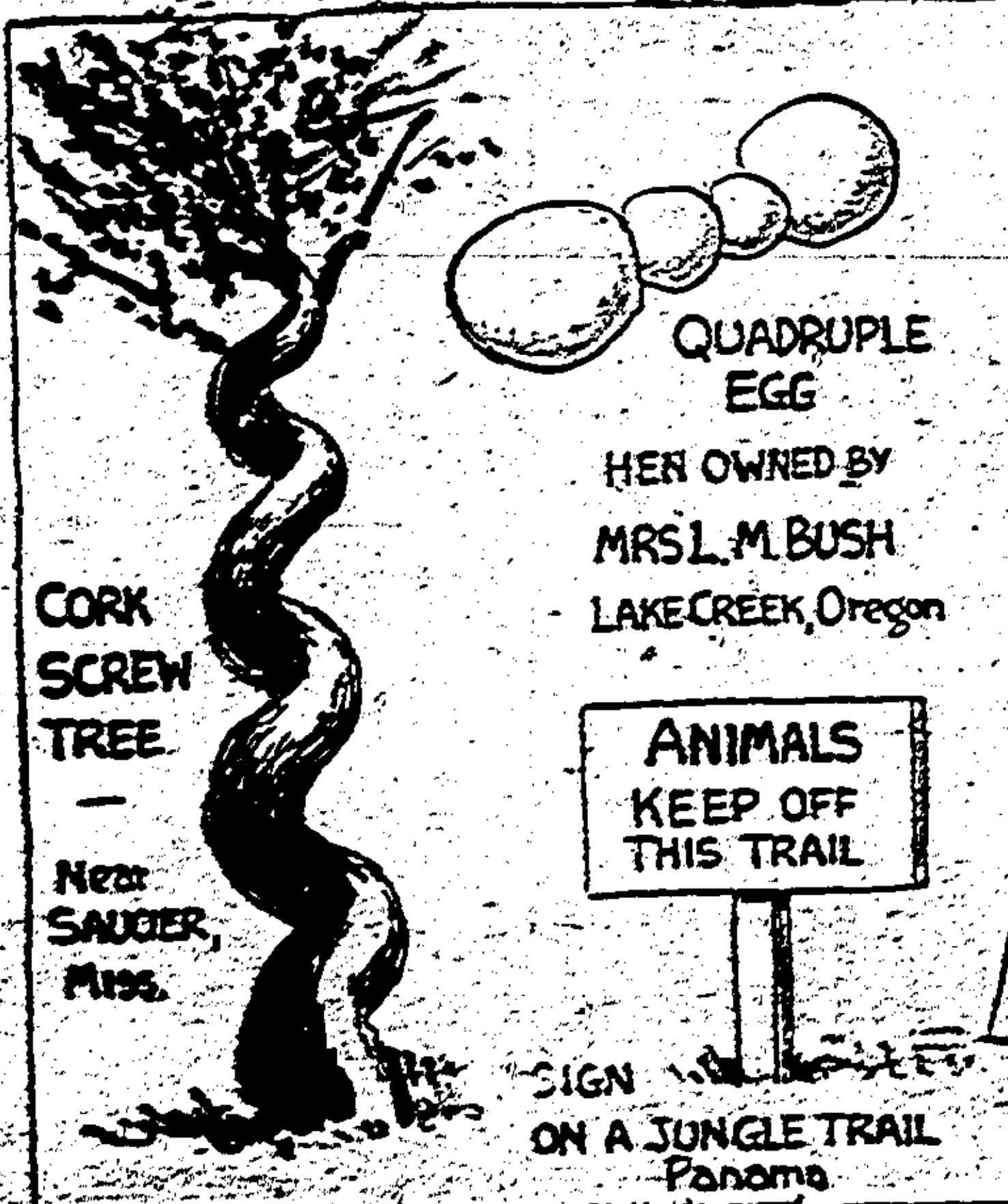
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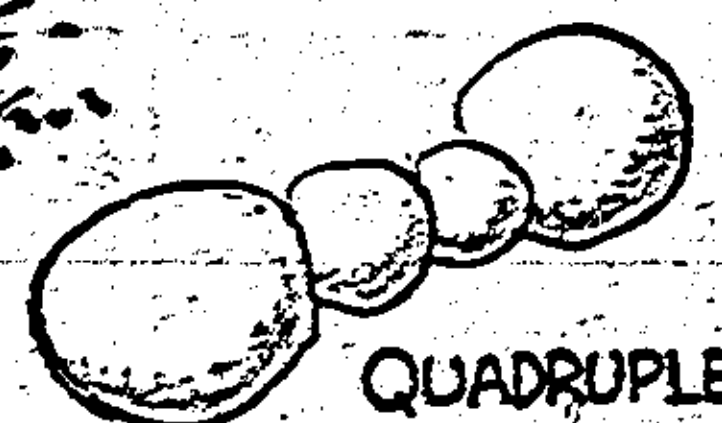
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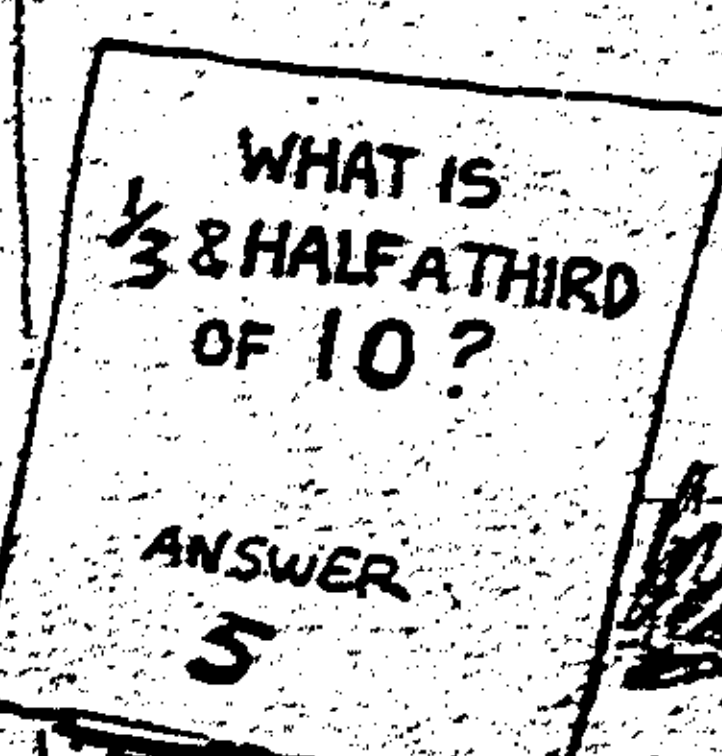


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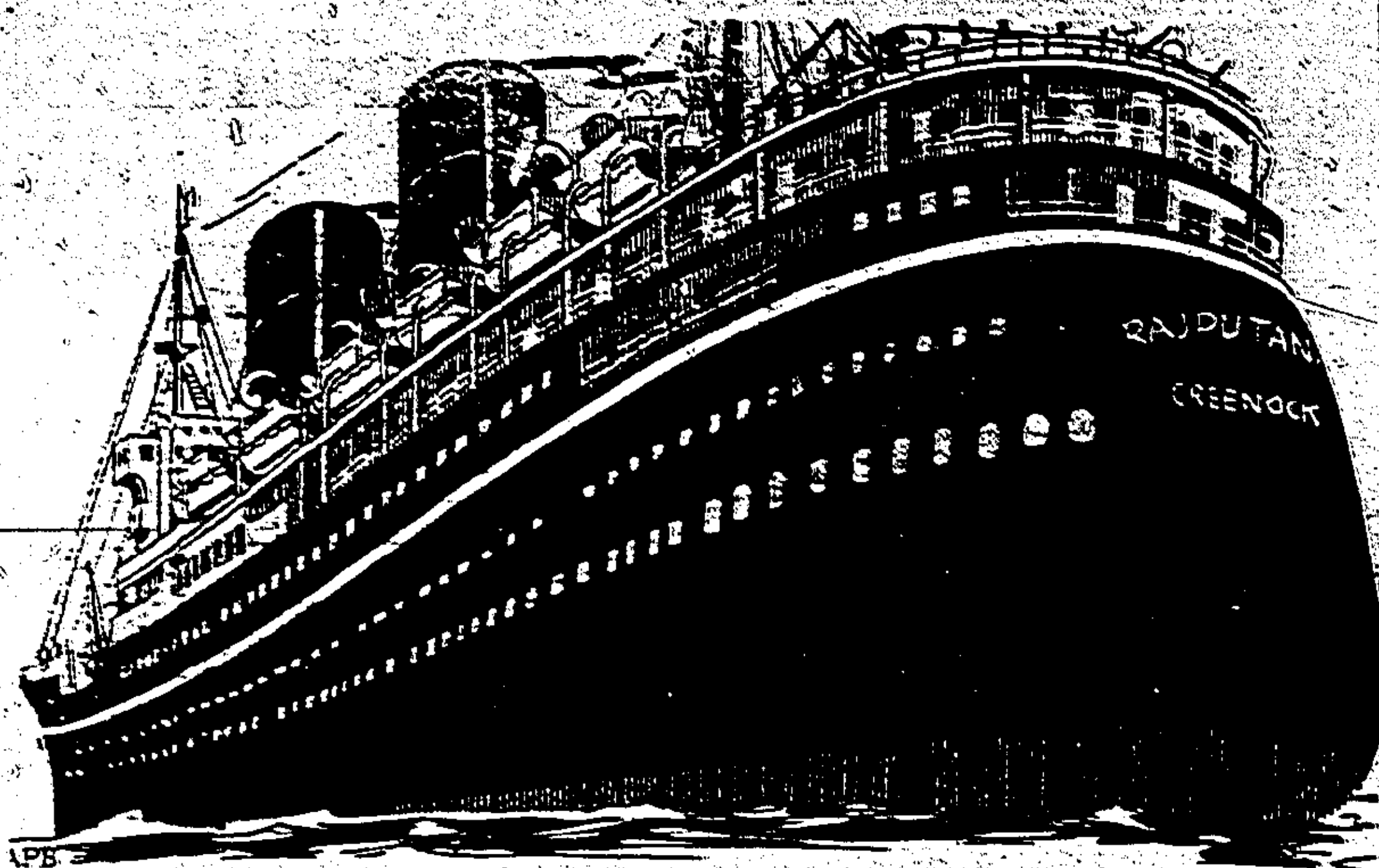
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*Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Thurs., Dec. 9.
	Parcels,	Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>		
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Air Mail for North China, Sian and Eurasia Plane		Fri., Dec. 10.
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Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Thurs., Dec. 9, 10.30 a.m.
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Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 27th December, and *Europe via Siberia.	Parcels,	Dec. 10, 11 a.m.
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	Ord.,	Dec. 10, 1 p.m.
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	Ord.,	Dec. 11, 8 a.m.
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HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday,	14th Dec.
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INAKO MARU	Monday,	24th Jan. (1938)

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BOKUYO MARU	Tuesday,	14th Dec.
RAKUYO MARU	Wednesday,	12th Jan. (1938)

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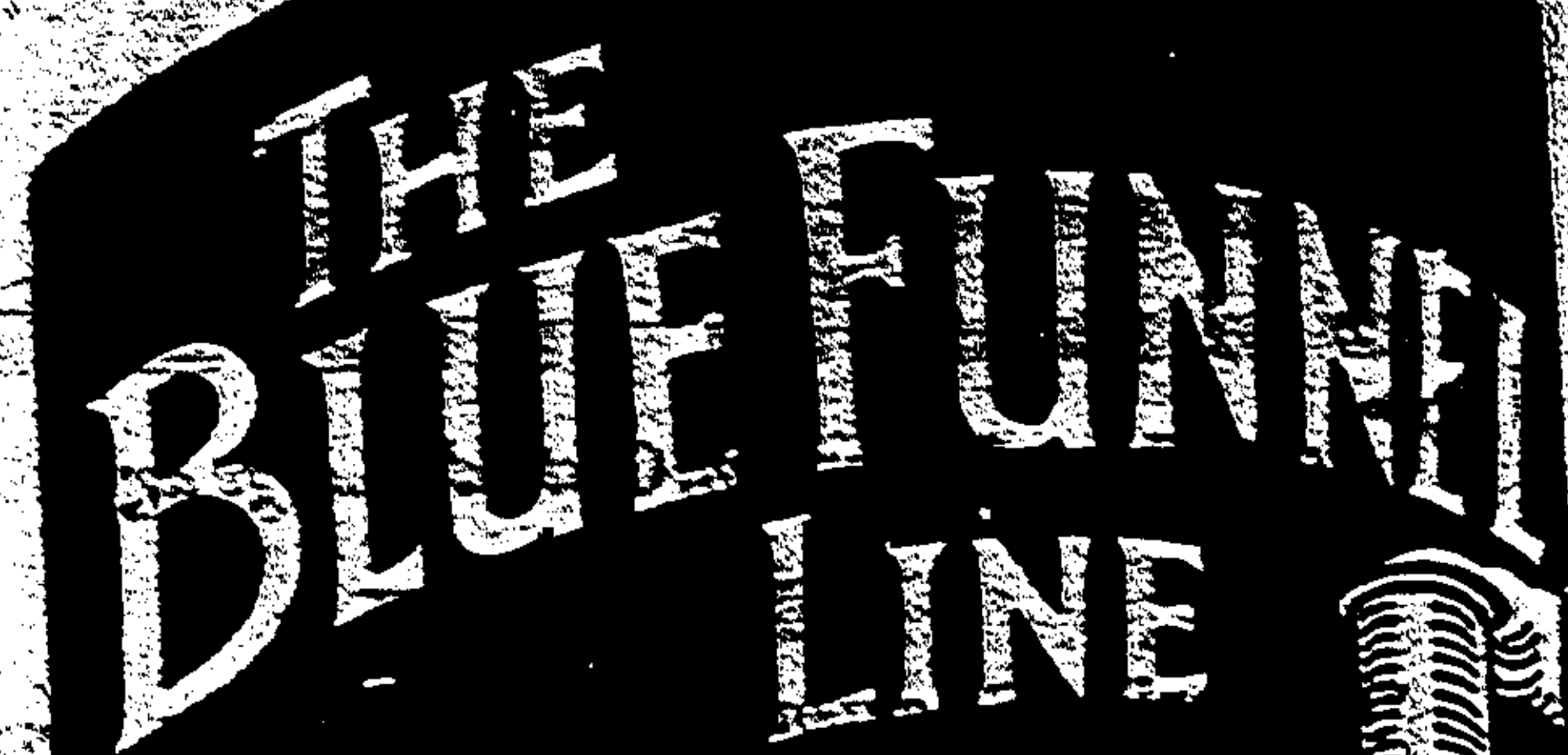
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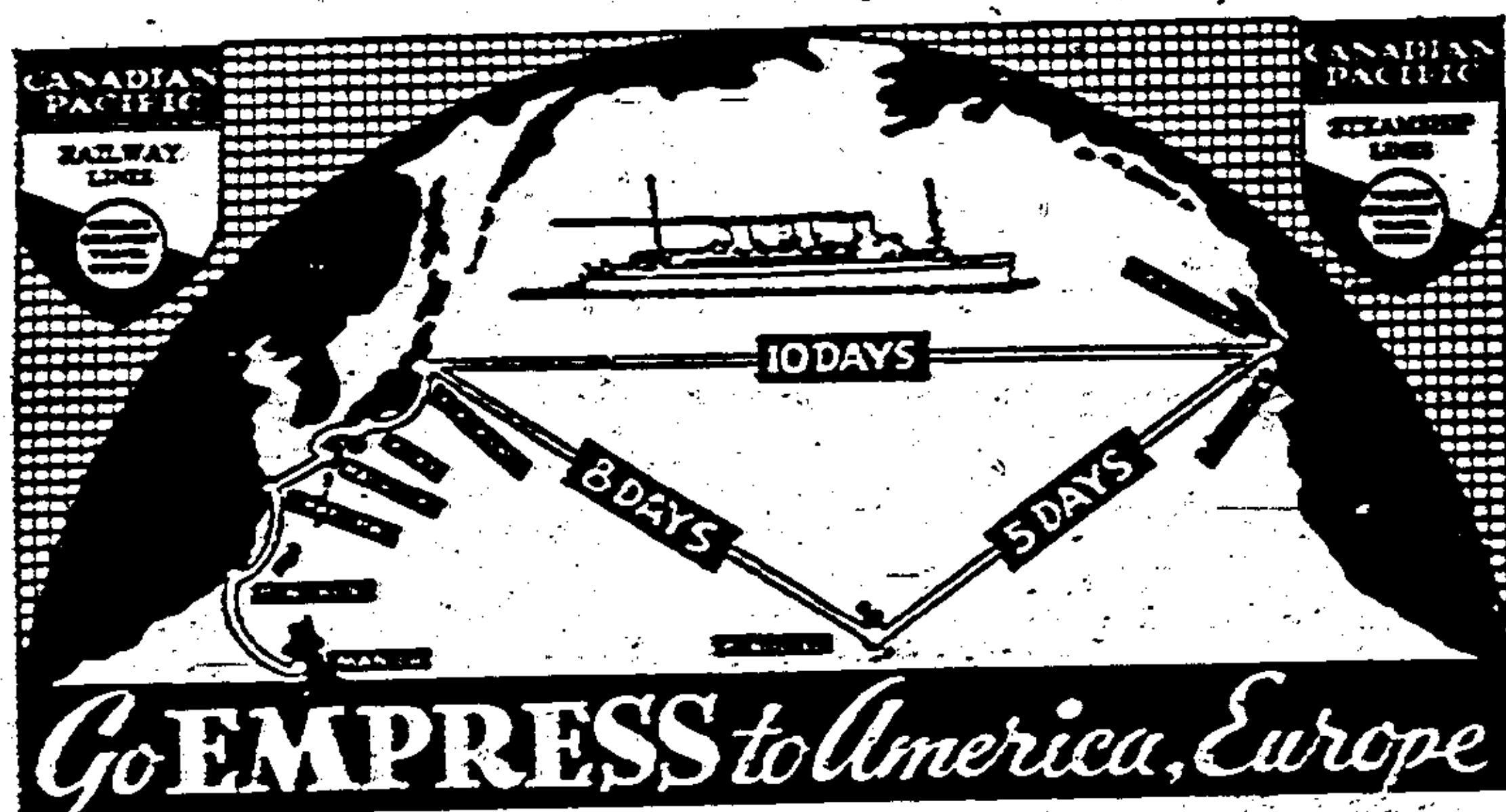
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## YUGO-SLAVIAN PREMIER VISITS SIG. MUSSOLINI

Rome, To-day.

The Yugo-Slavian Premier, M. Stojadinovic, had an interview with Signor Mussolini at the Palazzo Venezia yesterday evening.

The conversations, at which the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, was also present, lasted one and a half hours.

In Berlin, meanwhile, it is confirmed that M. Stojadinovic is to pay a visit to Germany shortly, in reciprocation of the visit of the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, to Belgrade last June.

The Yugo-Slav visit will probably take place in the second half of January.—Trans-Ocean.

## FAT FROM COAL

Berlin, To-day.

Large-scale manufacture of fat from coal, especially for soap-making, is about to be started by Germany under the Four-Year Plan.

Germany has hitherto imported every year about 1,000,000 tons of fats and oils.—Trans-Ocean.

## N.Z. DOCKERS END STRIKE

Auckland (N.Z.), To-day.

A waterside dispute which began last week and affects 1,000 men, ended yesterday when dockers agreed to begin negotiations with employers through their Union.—Reuter.

## LINER ASHORE IN FOG

London, To-day.

A Union Castle liner grounded yesterday in heavy fog off The Hook of Holland, but was later refloated.—Reuter.

## Abyssinia Posts

Rome, To-day.

Signor Mussolini yesterday received three new governors for Italian East Africa who will take up their posts at the beginning of the new year.—Trans-Ocean.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

### BANKS

Hong Kong (Lon. Reg.) \$91 b.  
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and W. Docks \$23½ sa.  
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### MISCELLANEOUS

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Wallace Harpers \$5 s.

Rights \$5 b.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18-½ and "forward" at 18-5/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.9960 and the New York on London rate at \$—U.S.\$4.99-11/16.

## Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan/March 23-½ b. Up ¼.

April/June 26 b. Up ¼.

July/Sept. 26-¼ b. Up ¼.

Market; Steady.

## ROAD SAFETY

London, To-day.

The Lords yesterday debated road safety and passed a motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to review the whole subject and to suggest further means to reduce road casualties. — British Wireless.

## The agreement with the Siamese Government on the Imperial Airways' Bangkok-Hong Kong service and the inauguration of the service from Bangkok on Sunday week were announced in the Commons.

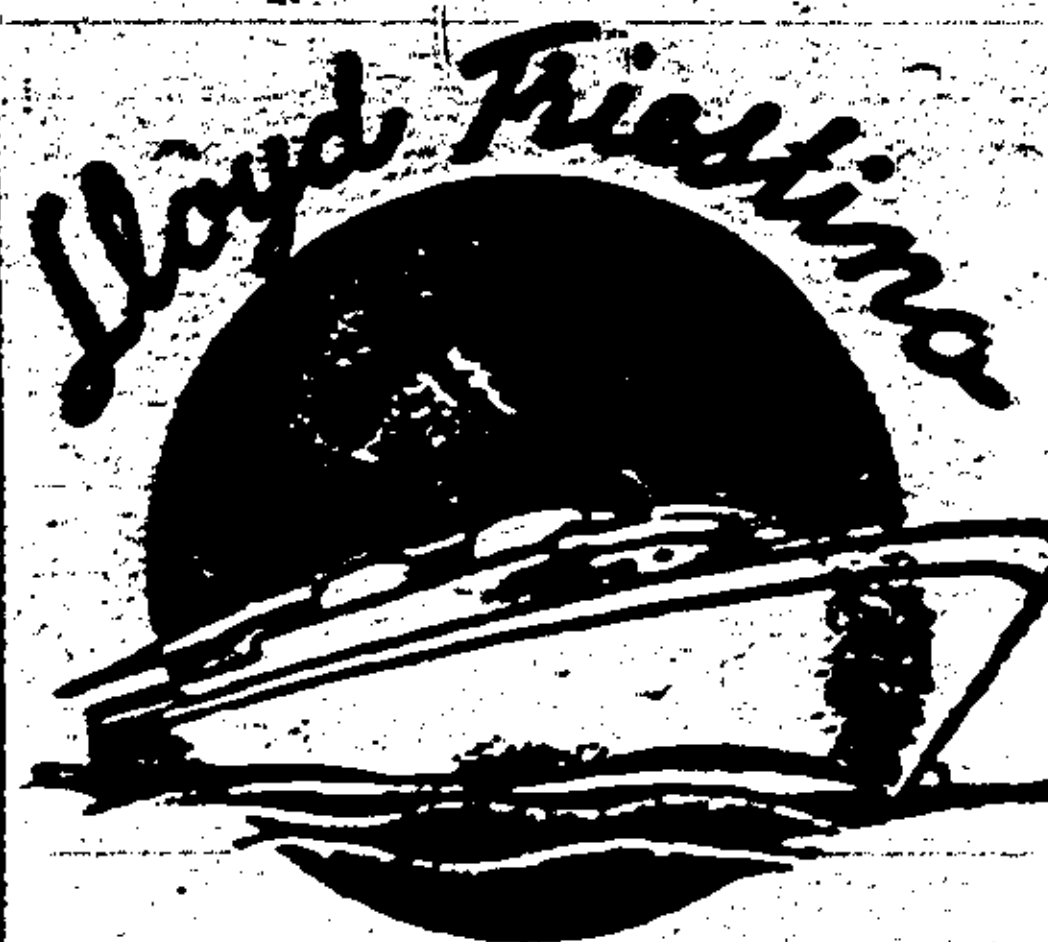
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# REFORM IN HOCKEY IS ESSENTIAL

## H.K.H. CLUB DEFEAT THE ROYAL NAVY

TRIANGULAR  
TOURNEY TIE

### BOND AND WHITLEY SHINE

Displaying perfect combination in attack, the Hong Kong Hockey Club won their second round encounter against the Royal Navy in the Triangular Tournament series yesterday, on the Club ground, when they emerged winners by five clear goals after a fast and interesting match.

The Club were in good form and Wallace, at right-back, proved a real thorn in the Navy attack in which Donald, at inside-right, was outstanding, but received little support.

Walsham, making his first appearance for the Navy in the centre-forward berth, was very fast, but invariably bungled his work at the crucial stage and the Navy's forwards rarely gave Benwell, in the Club goal, an anxious moment.

#### BOND SHINES

Outstanding among yesterday's players were Bond, on the Club left-wing, and Whitley, at inside-right, the latter's fine positional play and opportunism resulting in two good goals.

Divett, leading the Club attack, played a very bustling game and distributed the ball well with short passes.

Fowler, on the right-wing was very good and scored a good goal. His speed on the wing has not diminished, and his accuracy in crossing the ball was perfect. Bickford, the inside-left, put in much useful work in attack and combined very effectively with Bond.

#### ONLY WEAKNESSES

The Club's only weaknesses were in their intermediate line — on the flanks — and at left-back where E. V. Reed invariably topped the ball in his clearances, or dug up great holes in the ground.

Bates and Potter, the wing-halves, played hard and bustling games, spoiling being their best asset, but their distribution was weak and often wild.

Willie Reed, in the pivotal position, was at the top of his form, and his beautiful stick-work and support of his forwards in the circle were noteworthy points in his display. It will be a long time before anyone displaces him from the Colony intermediate line.

#### NO FAULT OF HIS

Billings was the pick of the two Navy full-backs, although Taylor,



David McLellan, above, has returned to Club hockey and plays for the European Y.M.C.A. when possible. He is at present coaching the Central British School team.

the left-back was conspicuous for some timely interceptions. In Whitley and Fowler, however, he was up against probably one of the finest Club combinations in local hockey and it was no fault of his that four of the five goals came from this wing.

Spencer, who usually fills the Navy pivotal position, was seen on the left flank for a time yesterday as feeder to Whitworth, the Navy left-winger. Poulden, who usually fills this position, was badly missed and their intermediate line never proved good enough to break up the attacks which counted. Miller, at right-half, spoiled magnificently, but his distribution forward found no ready response.

#### VERY FAST

Whitworth was again an outstanding left-winger and his terrific speed often carried him beyond the Club intermediate line, but he did found Wallace a little too much for his liking.

Divett and Fowler scored for the Club in the first half and Whiteley (2) and Fowler completed the tally in the second half.

Hong Kong Hockey Club.—Benwell; Wallace, Reed; Bates, Reed, Potter; Fowler, Whitley, Divett, Bickford, Bond.

Navy.—Chick; Billings, Taylor; Gordon, Miller, Spencer; Meadows, Donald, Walsham, Thornhill, Whitworth.

## CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD AT FOOTBALL

Highbury, To-day.

Cambridge University avenged their Rugby defeat at the hands of Oxford two days ago when they won their annual soccer duel yesterday on the Highbury Ground by the odd goal in five.—Reuter.

## NEW METHOD IN TAKING OF CORNERS MUST BE FOUND

### UMPIRES LAXITY IN CURBING OBSTRUCTION INFRINGEMENT

#### CAUSE OF INACCURATE PASSING

(By A. LOREBURN)

THE point may be stressed once again that the improvement of hockey rests to a large extent in the hands of the umpires. They are the only persons who have it in their power to take effective action to rid the game of its worst feature, obstruction.

IF UMPIRES COULD BE PERSUADED TO DEAL FAIRLY WITH ALL FORMS OF OBSTRUCTION, HOCKEY WOULD SOON BECOME A MUCH MORE ENJOYABLE GAME, BOTH TO PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS. THE FULL PENALTY SHOULD ALWAYS BE INFLICTED UPON THE PLAYER WHO PERSISTENTLY TACKLES FROM THE LEFT. UMPIRES ARE INCLINED TO BE TOO LENIENT WITH THOSE WHO OFFEND IN THIS WAY, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY DO SO IN THE CIRCLE.

There is an extraordinary reluctance shown by most of them to inflict a penalty bully for an infringement in the circle which prevents a goal from being scored—the proper penalty according to the rules for such a breach. Nothing has done more to hinder the progress of hockey than this mistaken leniency on the part of umpires.

This attitude arises from a desire not to spoil a game by too much whistling. It is a very rare thing to see a hockey match spoiled by too frequent punning up on the players, but it is quite common—too common—to see games spoiled by too little.

The ignorance of the rules exhibited by players in club games provides abundant evidence that there is not enough whistling by umpires. A great many players have only the haziest notion of the rules, and unless they are penalised for every breach they will never become familiar with them. With cleaner hockey, there would be a better chance for players to develop their skill, and greater hopes of a Colony team that could hold its own against allcomers.

#### NOT REGARDED AS PENALTY

Though I do not believe in tinkering with the rules of the game, I think it is a pity that the International Hockey Board did not accept the proposal put before them for an alteration in the method of taking corners. A goal is so seldom scored from even a penalty corner that defenders seem scarcely to regard it as a penalty.

As a rule, under the present method, the defenders are too often allowed to cross the line before the ball is hit. It is not easy for an umpire to keep his eyes on the defenders and on the striker of the corner at the same time, so that he cannot always detect the defender who gets off his mark too quickly. Sooner or later, some change in the method of taking a penalty corner, that will make it a real penalty, will have to be adopted. A change of this kind would certainly have been of benefit to hockey. It would help to do away with a lot of the jostling and foot work that takes place in the circle.

MORE EFFICIENT UMPIRING. When more efficient umpiring succeeds in eliminating obstruction and rough and dangerous play from the game hockey players will have an opportunity of developing a more effective style of play. One of the great faults of forwards and half-backs in club hockey is running across the field when in possession of the ball. This not only leads to players bunching together and getting in each other's way, but gives the defence plenty of time to mark their opponents. It prevents forwards from placing themselves in position to take a pass when it comes to them.

Unnecessary running with the ball wastes a lot of time, as the ball can be made to travel much more quickly than a player can run. If forwards and half-backs must run with the ball they should run straight forward. When the straight road is barred by an opponent it is time to pass to one of your own side who is better placed.

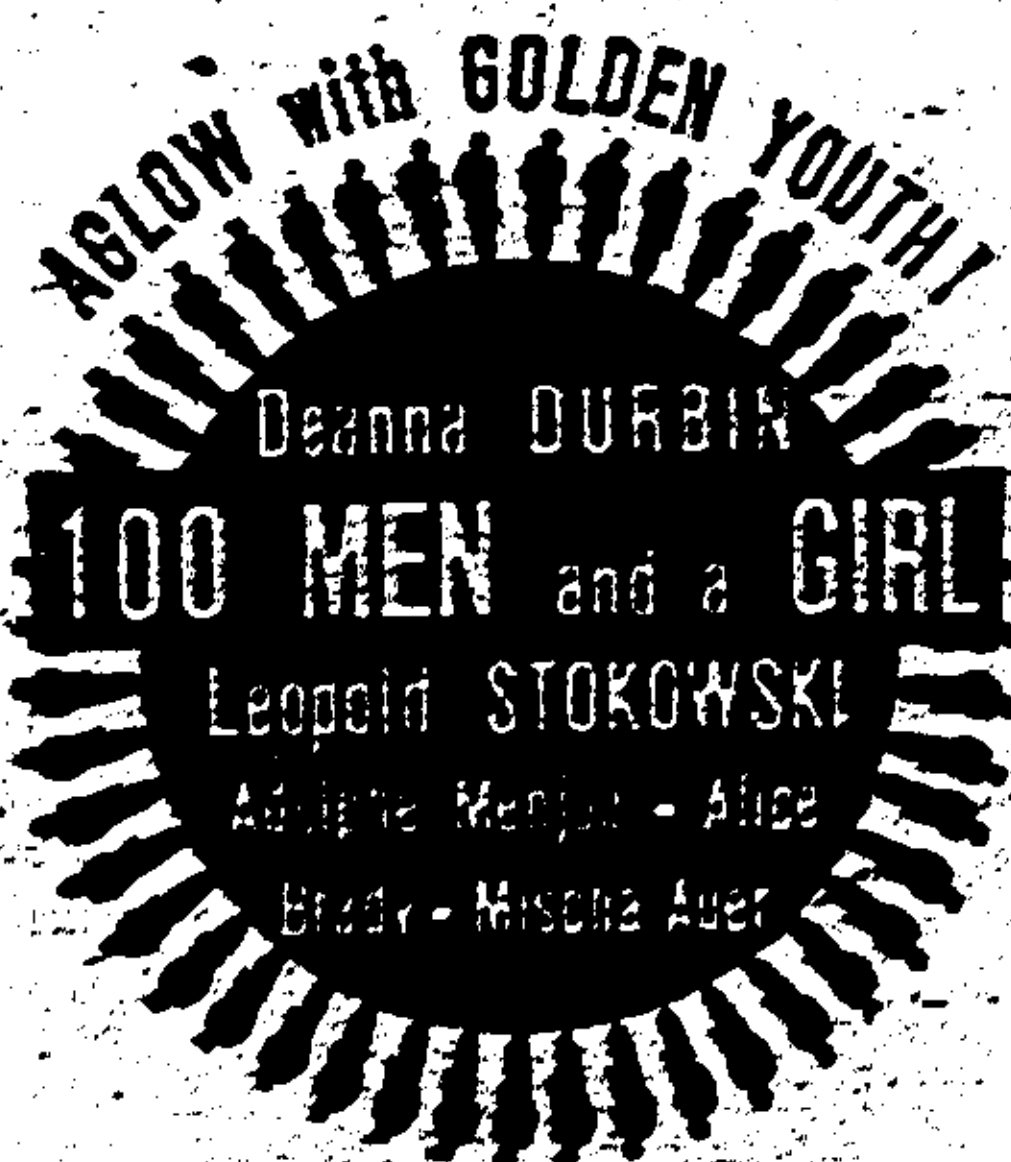
#### INACCURATE PASSING

Straight running not only enables the forwards to "position" themselves favourably, but it gives the player in possession of the ball more room to place his pass so that it can be taken by the player who receives it on the run. When the man in possession runs across the field he generally finds himself compelled to make a hurried pass at the finish, usually so badly placed that the receiver of the pass has to turn facing his own goal to receive it.

Most of the inaccurate placing of passes arises in this way. Centre-halves and inside forwards particularly should avoid running across the field.

#### MUST BE QUICK

As soon as hockey players realise (Continued on Page 22)





# N. Z. RUGBY STANDARDS WILL REVIVE OLD INTERNATIONAL OR REVISED LAWS?

## TAKING DEFEAT TOO SERIOUSLY

### THE SPRINGBOKS' TOUR

(By "THE CYNIC")

Sydney, October 28.

THE defeat of New Zealand by South Africa in the Rugby Union rubber seems to have saddened too many in New Zealand, if opinions in some of the letters I have had from across the Tasman are not overdrawn.

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE SOUTH AFRICANS IS FREELY ACKNOWLEDGED. MANY NEWSPAPER WRITERS SEEM TO HOLD THE OPINION THAT THE AFRICANS ARE THE FINEST TEAM THEY HAVE EVER SEEN. IF THAT IS SO WHY GRIEVE BECAUSE SUCH A TEAM DEFEATED THE FLOWER OF THE HOME COUNTRY?

The truth is that New Zealand Rugby has gone back in standard has been going back—ever since the national system of playing the game was changed, by the abolition of the 2-3-2 scrum-mage and the wing forward.

Any man who saw the marvellous 1903 team under Jimmy Duncan, and some of its brilliant successors in this country, knows that forward play of New Zealand was magnificent in every angle and that the wing forward was no mere wolf in sheep's clothing, as so many have dubbed him.

As I viewed the New Zealand wing forwards from the time of David Gallagher and along the years to C. G. Porter, he was a clever, constructive, brainy, and brilliant player.

#### TOUCH BY PUNTING

Those great New Zealand teams, like outstanding Welsh teams, were wonder men in the use of touch by punting. The older world still cherishes this feature in the old game. In New Zealand and Australia it is taboo, largely because so many second-rate players kicked out aimlessly instead of using the line scientifically as team-tactics.

It is understandable that a scrum-mage with two men in the front row may be beaten for the ball by scrum-mager of similar powers with three in the front row. Nevertheless the 1903, 1905 and other All Blacks rose superior to that. The Africans play 2-4-1, and British teams 3-2-3. The laws of the game were altered to make three at least in the front row. Why? As the re-creators of modern Rugby, New Zealand should stand up for the methods by which they made the game so polished and so great, without impairing its superb virility.

#### AUSTRALIANS' CONCEPTION

New Zealanders steeped in Rugby football may take it as certain that in the eyes of Australians the latest African team, strong as it was, in the pack and difficult to defeat, was not so great as some of their own teams seen over here.

New Zealanders now have to find fresh talent of the highest class, and encourage a higher quality of play right through the provincial Unions. If they do this the problems will gradually solve themselves.

#### QUESTION OF LAWS

Whether they will find it best to continue to play locally under relaxed rules or adhere to the international laws is for themselves to determine.

We may be sure that New Zealand will soon rise to the old pin-

Discussing New Zealand Rugby with Mr. Harold Judd on Saturday, he remarked that on what he had seen over there the standard has fallen away. He saw only four forwards in the same class as the great men we knew in the past, and only one back, Mitchell. One of the forwards he had in mind was not selected in the Test. Harold Judd thinks the Africans must have developed better form all-round in New Zealand than they showed in this country.

These views are similar to those of Mr. Jim Clarken, an early Auckland, though an Australian representative.

**SPORTS  
SHORTS FROM  
UNDER  
DOWN**

(By JIM DONALD)

Sydney, October 28.

"Pull together, boys."—Jockeys slogan.

"No dog meeting at Harold Park."—Post-dated check.

Bodley Head—sprint in print.

"Bookies short themselves hoarse."—Phlegmington.

Boxing is the sport of Swings.

These wrestlers are rolling in money.

"Steeplechasers are becoming increasingly unpopular."—Regarded as "Leppers."

Golf is just a game of putt in and take out. It's also a fairway to exercise.

## SOMEBODY BLUNDERED

### S. AFRICA SNUBBED

(By A. J. BOYD)

Sydney, October 28.

Shall we see a South African soccer side in Australia next season? When the English amateur Soccer team completed its tour of Australia in May, I wrote to Mr. F. W. Fell, president of the South African Football Association, told him what a great success the visit had proved, and suggested that, if a team were despatched from Africa to these shores next season, the game might be benefited greatly in both countries.

Here is the reply:

Your letter addressed to our president, Mr. Fell, was placed before a meeting of our executive last week.

I was instructed to inform you that the course of action you suggest does not meet with our approval for the following reasons:

Last year we were invited by cable to tour Australia during 1937. That cable was answered in the affirmative, with the proviso that terms should be cabled.

Nothing more was heard for a very long time. We were most anxious to make the trip and still are. Our players were in readiness for trial matches, and you can imagine our disappointment when we read in the English papers that an amateur side had been selected to tour Australia.

Some time later we received a letter from your secretary stating that a cable he had drawn up had never been sent, and intimating that there was a difference of opinion on his council as to whether a South African tour was advisable, but suggesting that an Australian team be invited to tour South Africa in 1938, with a return tour in 1939.

Under the circumstances, therefore, we feel that we can do nothing in the matter before we are approached by the Australian football authorities.

There will be no tour of South Africa in 1938, for we co-operate with the Rugby Union, and never stage counter attractions. They are having a tour by a British Rugby team.

Yours faithfully,

J. BARBOUR,  
Hon. Secretary.

## LADIES' SINGLES TENNIS TITLE FOR MISS PERRY

### Miss Griffiths Defeated In Three Sets

In an extraordinarily uninteresting match at the U.S.R.C. yesterday afternoon, Miss Rose Perry won the Ladies' Singles championship of the Colony at the expense of Miss Madge Griffiths by the score of 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Although she played as well as ever and placed her drives with great accuracy, Miss Perry appeared to be far from well and on one occasion after being beaten by a brilliant stroke from Miss Griffiths, collapsed completely and had to rest for a while before resuming.

Miss Griffiths played very well in the first two sets and fully maintained the improvement she has shown in recent games. She ap-

## KOWLOON TONG TROUGH THE FREE LANCES

"B" Division Men's  
Badminton Tie

### J. L. ANDERSON THE BEST ON VIEW

(By "REFEREE")

Kowloon Tong secured a well deserved victory in the "B" Division, of the Men's Badminton League, yesterday, when they beat the Free Lances by nine clear sets in a fairly one-sided encounter, the losers being weakened by the absence of Bovaird, who is still away from the Colony.

The home team were in splendid fettle, Mackay and A. Chan being their most consistent pair. Both the latter were in very good form, especially Mackay who shone at the net, while Chan's retrieving of smashes from the back of the court, was also very sound.

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko commenced strongly against Anderson and Harris, who played three sets off in a row. Lee was the more consistent of the two, and offset his partner's weakness at the net in the later stages, by deadly smashing from the forecourt and fine services.

#### ANDERSON SHINES

Anderson was the pick of the visiting team, and carried his partner, whose positional play must be improved as he often left his side of the court open to attack. Anderson was forced to cover his opponent, who fell away in the latter stages, the former's finely angled drop shots and smashing providing the main feature of the evening's play.

A. W. da Roza and Peter Lo did not combine very effectively, the latter being very weak overhead, although Roza's steadiness, and fine placements down the tramlines, made up for any deficit.

Fisher and Clark found things very much against them and although they took Lee and Ko to 21-14, they were playing against fairly tired opponents. Fisher's retrieving on the backhand was his weak point, while he was often outpositioned, but Clark wasted too many openings by attempting a drop shot instead of a kill.

Goldman and Skinner were hopelessly outclassed and never really looked like winning a point.

R. E. Lee and S. F. Ko (Kowloon Tong) beat J. L. Anderson and A. Harris 21-10

beat A. L. Fisher and S. W. Clark 21-14

beat R. Goldman and L. D. Skinner 21-1

A. W. da Roza and Peter Lo (Kowloon) beat Anderson and Harris 21-10

beat Fisher and Clark 21-12

beat Goldman and Skinner 21-4

N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan (Kowloon) beat Anderson and Harris 21-13

beat Fisher and Clark 21-4

beat Goldman and Skinner 21-1

London, To-day.—Only one Rugby Union County Championship game was held yesterday, Kent beating Sussex at Bexhill by a goal and a try (8 points) to nil.—Reuter.

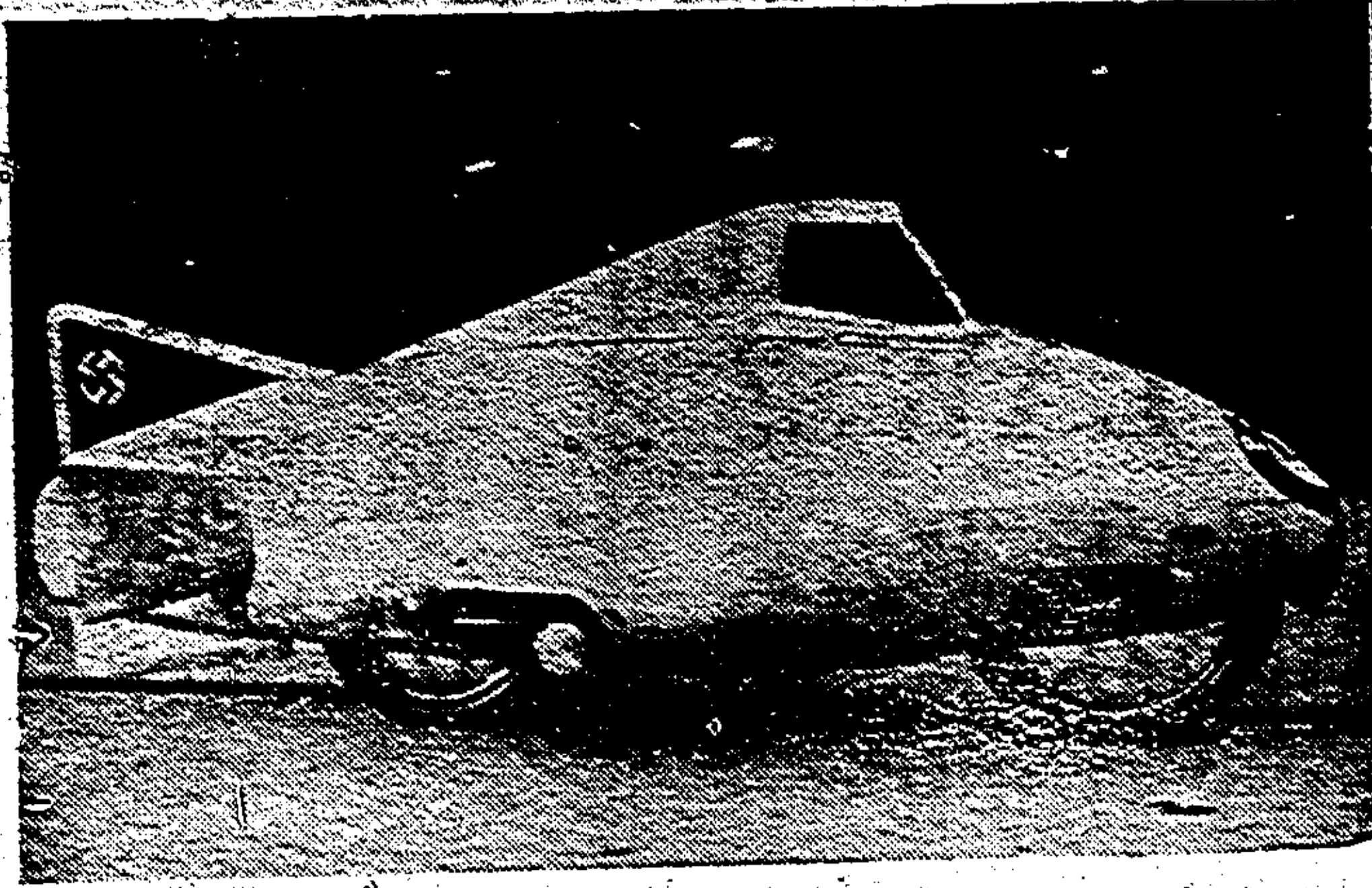
peared disconcerted by the constant interruptions caused by Miss Perry's apparent indisposition, however, and fell away badly in the final set to lose it to love.



### MCGRORY HELD TO A DRAW

London, November 9.—Johnny McGrory, British feather-weight champion, failed to produce his best form in a drawn contest over 10 rounds against George Williams (Wales) at Bristol.

The champion was on top in the early stages, but Williams made a gallant rally towards the finish and shared the honours by his magnificent defence. Early on, McGrory connected with lefts and rights to the body, but Williams scored frequently with lefts to the head while boxing at long range.



Germany's challenge for the world motor-cycle speed record will be attempted by the above.

### AUSTRALIA WISHES TATE "GOOD LUCK"

Sydney, October 28.—That Maurice Tate passes out of Sussex cricket (with £250 solatium) at the age of 42, is in keeping with the recent English trend of retiring old players. He had a substantial benefit.

Tate had his own outstanding periods as a Test bowler, notably in 1924-25, when he captured 38 wickets at 23.21 in the Australian series. His Test record is 63 wickets at 30.62 a wicket. Few bowlers last so long in first-class cricket as Tate did. Fewer still, of his pace. A fine sportsman, Australians heartily join in wishing Maurice good fortune in his retirement.

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# FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

## Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

		HOME										AWAY											
		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Goals	Pts.
		W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	Goals	Pts.
FIRST DIVISION																							
Brentford (6)	wDwLl	19	9	6	2	1	22	13	13	10	4	4	2	12	15	10	23						
Chelsea (13)	DdDIW	18	10	7	0	3	24	9	17	8	2	5	1	15	22	5	22						
Preston (14)	DIWdW	18	10	6	1	3	20	9	15	8	2	3	3	13	11	7	22						
Wolves (5)	dDIWl	18	10	6	0	4	20	6	16	8	2	5	1	6	15	5	21						
Bolton (20)	wWdDd	18	9	5	2	2	21	13	12	9	2	2	5	9	11	9	21						
Leeds (19)	DdDIW	18	10	6	1	3	17	9	15	8	1	3	4	11	17	6	21						
Arsenal (3)	IdWwW	18	8	5	1	2	20	14	12	10	3	5	2	15	15	9	21						
Charlton (2)	LdLdW	18	9	4	2	3	15	10	11	9	2	2	5	10	13	9	20						
Sunderland (8)	dDdDI	18	9	6	1	2	17	9	14	9	1	5	3	12	23	5	19						
Huddersfield (15)	dWwWl	18	8	6	1	1	14	5	13	10	2	6	2	11	20	6	19						
Stoke (16)	DdDIW	18	9	5	0	4	24	6	14	9	2	6	1	5	13	5	19						
M'chester C. (1)	WdLdW	17	9	7	1	1	24	8	15	8	0	5	3	9	20	3	18						
W. Brom. (16)	IdLdW	17	8	4	3	1	16	15	9	9	4	4	1	16	20	9	18						
Middlesbro' (7)	LdWId	18	9	5	1	3	22	17	13	9	1	6	2	13	17	5	18						
Birmingham (11)	DwWdL	18	9	4	1	4	18	11	12	9	1	5	3	10	12	5	17						
Derby (4)	wDIdW	18	9	3	2	4	17	15	10	9	2	4	3	11	26	7	17						
Grimsby (12)	WdLId	18	10	4	3	3	12	14	11	8	1	4	3	8	14	5	16						
*Leicester (-)	dLIdW	18	9	4	3	2	15	8	10	9	2	5	2	11	24	6	16						
Everton (17)	wWIdW	18	9	5	3	1	22	15	11	9	2	7	0	8	20	4	15						
Liverpool (18)	LwLdL	18	9	3	6	0	16	17	6	9	3	4	2	11	17	8	14						
*Blackpool (-)	dLIdL	19	9	1	5	3	7	14	5	10	2	7	1	13	19	6	11						
Portsmouth (9)	DWIdL	18	9	1	4	4	14	16	6	9	0	7	2	8	26	2	8						

		HOME										AWAY											
		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Goals	Pts.
		W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	D	W	L	Goals	Pts.
SECOND DIVISION																							
Coventry (8)	dDdLw	17	9	5	1	3	10	5	13	8	3	0	5	13	8	11	24						
Sheffield U. (-)	IdLwW	19	10	8	1	1	16	9	17	9	3	5	1	13	16	7	24						
Aston Villa (9)	dDIWl	18	9	6	1	2	14	5	14	9	3	4	2	9	12	8	22						
Chesterfield (15)	wLdDd	18	8	4	2	2	18	13	10	10	4	2	4	12	11	12	22						
West Ham (6)	dDIWl	18	9	7	0	2	18	10	16	9	1	3	5	6	12	7	21						
Bradford (20)	dDIWd	18	9	5	0	4	19	9	14	9	1	3	5	6	12	7	21						
M'chester U. (-)	DwWwW	18	9	5	2	2	18	8	12	9	3	5	1	9	23	9	21						
Burnley (13)	WdWId	19	10	6	1	3	17	6	15	9	1	5	3	9	17	5	20						
*Stockport (-)	WIdWd	18	9	5	1	3	12	6	13	9	2	5	2	9	15	6	19						
Tottenham (10)	WIdWd	18	8	6	0	2	17	5	14	10	2	7	1	14	20	5	19						
Barnsley (14)	WdWdW	18	8	5	1	2	17	8	12	10	2	6	2	12	22	7	19						
Bury (3)	DdWId	18	10	4	4	2	12	12	11	8	3	4	1	8	12	7	18						
Norwich (17)	IdWId	18	9	6	1	2	19	16	14	9	1	7	1	13	30	3	17						
Blackburn (12)	IdWId	18	9	5	1	3	22	14	13	9	1	6	2	12	19	4	17						
Notts. F. (18)	DdLwW	18	10	5	3	2	12	9	12	8	1	4	3	6	10	5	17						
*Luton (-)	WIdWd	18	8	4	2	2	17	11	10	10	3	6	1	14	19	7	17						
Newcastle (1)	WIdWd	18	9	5	3	1	21	5	11	9	1	5	3	15	14	5	16						
Southampton (-)	LWIdW	17	9	4	2	3	21	14	11	8	2	6	0	2	23	4	15						
Swansea (16)	IdLId	18	10	5	2	3	14	10	11	8	0	5	3	7	17	3	14						
Fulham (11)	IdWId	18	8	2	2	4	10	9	8	10	1	7	2	5	21	4	12						
Wednesday (-)	IdWId	18	9	3	4	2	12	13	8	9	1	6	2	6	16	4	12						
Plymouth (3)	dWIdL	18	8	3	3	2	16	15	8	10	1	8	1	7	21	2	10						

		HOME										AWAY											
		Goals										Goals										Pts. Tl.	
THIRD DIVISION SOUTH		P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.						
Notts. C. (2)	DIWwd	18	8	3	2	3	8	7	9	10	6	2	2	14	9	14	23						
Millwall (8)	wdWwl	18	8	5	1	2	20	9	12	10	4	3	3	11	12	11	23						
Queen's P.R. (9)	dDIWW	17	9	5	1	3	13	6	13	8	3	2	3	13	15	9	22						
Cardiff (17)	IdWDW	17	10	7	0	3	32	15	17	7	1	4	2	5	13	4	21						
Crystal P. (3)	wWIdL	17	8	6	1	1	20	4	13	9	2	4	3	9	14	7	20						
Bristol City (15)	WdWwl	17	8	5	0	3	14	5	13	9	2	4	3	9	14	7	20						
Southend (10)	IdWId	17	10	8	1	1	17	6	17	7	1	5	1	6	16	3	20						
Reading (5)	WIdWd	17	7	5	2	0	11	9	10	10	2	4	4	17	21	8	18						
Swindon (13)	WIdLd	17	8	6	1	1	16	6	13	9	1	5	3	8	12	5	18						
Watford (4)	WdIdL	17	8	4	2	2	19	7	10	9	2	3	4	7	14	8	18						
Newport (18)	WdWdL	17	7	5	1	1	16	6	11	10	1	4	5	8	17	7	18						
Manfield (-)	IdIdW	17	9	6	0	3	17	7	14	8	1	5	2	6	11	4	18						
Bournemouth (6)	IdLdW	17	9	4	0	5	13	5	13	8	2	6	0	7	14	4	17						
Brighton (3)	IdLdW	17	10	7	1	2	16	6	16	7	0	6	1	10	16	1	17						
Northampton (7)	WIdWd	16	7	2	3	2	6	8	6	9	4	4	1	12	16	9	15						
Exeter (29)	wWIdL	17	7	4	3	0	16	13	8	10	1	7	2	9	15	7	13						
Clapton (12)	IdLdL	17	9	4	2	3	10	9	10	8	2	5	1	10	10	4	14						
Torquay (19)	IdWId	17	10	5	2	3	12	6	9	9	3	5	1	10	16	7	13						
Aldershot (21)	WIdLd	17	8	2	4	2	5	12	6	9	3	5	1	5	18	3	13						
Bristol R. (14)	IdLdL	17	9	2	1	6	9	11	10	8	1	6	1	3	11	1	11						
Walsall (16)	IdLdL	17	10	5	0	5	15	16	10	7	0	6	1	3	11	1	11						
Gillingham (11)	WIdL	17	8	2	4	2	5	14	6	9	1	8	0	8	24	2							





W. R. "Walter" Hammond, above, probably the world's finest cricket all-rounder, has forsaken the ranks of the professionals and will play as an amateur in future. His chances of leading England against Australia in the 1938 Test series in England are very bright.

## C.B.A. TO HAVE COLONY'S BEST CLUB HOUSE

At an extraordinary meeting of the Central British Association under the chairmanship of Mr. D. M. Richards, at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, it was decided, in order to raise funds for a new club house, to increase the annual subscriptions and charge entrance fees.

Men members will have to pay \$15 instead of \$10 for annual subscription, and the fee for women will be \$10 instead of \$7 as from January 1. Entrance fee, which was free before, was fixed at \$15 for both.

The club house, when completed, will be one of the biggest and finest in the Colony, with facilities for badminton, dancing and other social functions, besides tennis and hockey.

## CLUB "A" XV BEAT NAVAL RUGBY SIDE

The Club "A" Rugby team beat a Navy XV, on the Club's ground yesterday by a single try when K. A. Salter went over for the Club, but Oliphant failed to add the extra points.

The naval team was drawn from H.M.S. Tamar, Thraxian and Herald. Puttinghorne at stand-off, Swabey in the three-quarter line, and Evans, among the forwards, were outstanding.

The Club played some untried men, but D. Hynes, Oliphant and Heath shone.

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# WALTER HAMMOND NOW AN AMATEUR MAY CAPTAIN ENGLAND AGAINST "AUSSIES" CONTRACT WITH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CANCELLED

(By THOMAS MOULT)

London, November 9.

WALTER HAMMOND, the England and Gloucestershire cricketer, yesterday announced that in future he would play as an amateur. At a meeting of newspaper men in London he stated that he had joined a business firm, and that the remainder of his professional agreement with Gloucestershire had, at his request, been cancelled.

There is no likelihood of Hammond leading Gloucestershire next season, as B. O. Allen has been re-elected. He is, however, now in the running for the England captaincy.

This appointment will not be made until the opening of next season. Others who may be considered for it are G. O. Allen, who led England in Australia last winter, and R. W. V. Robins, captain against New Zealand during the past summer.

Hammond did not indicate his future in cricket beyond the coming season. If his new career makes it necessary for him to live out of Gloucestershire, he will still be eligible to play for the county. He has, in addition, a birth qualification for Kent.

PERSUADED TO REST Hammond was appointed vice-captain of Gloucestershire in 1932, and he has led the Players against the Gentlemen in the Lord's match for the past three seasons.

It may now be disclosed that when he had virtually accepted an invitation to become a member of Lord Tennyson's team, at present in India, he was persuaded to withdraw and rest in view of the Australians' visit next summer.

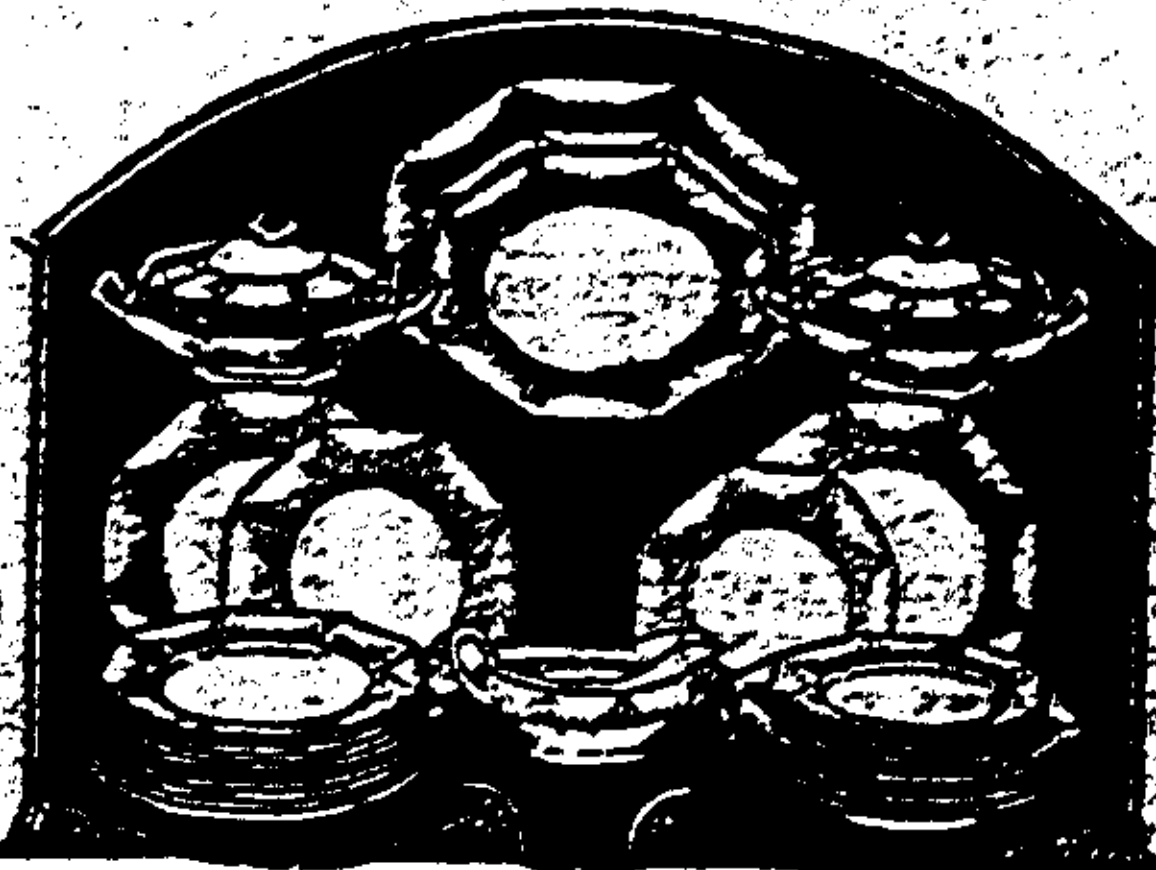
SIGNED AGREEMENT In 1934 he signed an agreement with Gloucestershire as professional for five years.

At the age of 34 Hammond is the world's greatest all-round cricketer. Among his many records is that of the world's highest Test score—336 not-out against New Zealand at Auckland in 1933.

## REFORM IN HOCKEY IN ESSENTIAL

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the advantages of quickness in getting the ball away and of accuracy in placing their passes, there will be a great improvement in the standard of play in club games. It is a mistake to delay passing the ball until your opponent is close to you. It is not necessary to draw him close to you in order to beat



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## SCOTLAND DEFEAT THE CZECHS

CONTINENTALS LACK FINISHING TOUCHES.

## RESULT FLATTERS WINNERS

Ibrox Park, Glasgow, to-day.

A crowd of 40,000 spectators saw Scotland beat the Czechoslovakian soccer tourists yesterday by five clear goals in a fast game, after leading at the interval by three clear goals.

Scotland opened the scoring within the first 20 minutes, when Buchanan received from Robertson and crossed the ball in the Czechs' goalmouth, where their goalkeeper collided with the onrushing McCulloch, the ball trickling to Black who drove into the unguarded net.

The Czechs pressed heavily from the restart, but in the 27th minute and much against the run of the play McCulloch scored again. Eleven minutes later Scotland added the third goal when Buchanan burst through from the right to send the ball crashing into the corner of the net.

## NO REVIVAL

In the second half the Scots dominated the exchanges and there were no signs of a revival which the Czechs staged against England. McCulloch added Scotland's fourth goal and Kinners scored the fifth.

The Czechs were featured in many beautiful passing movements, but lacked the finishing touches. The result rather flattered Scotland, but they must be given credit for their speed and understanding and their new style of play. — Reuter.

him with a pass. As soon as an opponent makes a forward movement to tackle he can be beaten with a well-placed pass.

The fact that so few hockey teams can carry out of sustained attacking movement successfully shows the necessity for players to devote more attention to the cultivation of ball control.

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## K.C.R. BOMBING WRECKS LINE FOR THE DAY

Canton, To-day.

Japanese bombing planes have again succeeded in interrupting the service on the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

This morning, a squadron of bombers showered between fifteen and twenty bombs at Cheung Muk Tan, demolishing the track for some distance.

No trains are leaving Kowloon to-day as a result, though it is thought the line will be repaired by to-morrow. — Our Own Correspondent.

## TOKYO BEFLAGGED WAITING TO CELEBRATE

Tokyo, To-day.

The fall of Nanking is being awaited with some impatience in Tokyo, where because of early military anticipations of a speedy sweep-through, all the streets are gaily beflagged, with populace waiting to celebrate.

The Military Division of Imperial Headquarters stated that the troops at Nanking had been ordered to take the city at the earliest possible moment regardless of cost. — Our Own Correspondent.

## DR. H. H. KUNG ON SO-CALLED PEACE MOVES

Frankfurt, To-day.

The Chinese Finance Minister, Dr. H. H. Kung, declared to the special correspondent of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" in Hankow yesterday in reply to a question concerning the possibility of peace at the present moment, that this was a matter to be decided exclusively by Japan.

The correspondent adds that although Dr. Kung refrained from discussing the possibility of negotiations, he recalled that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Kawagoe, had informed American journalists in Shanghai that the victorious Japanese would make general proposals.

The Ambassador had spoken of Japanese financial assistance for reconstruction of China, but, according to the correspondent, Dr. Kung showed considerable scepticism concerning Japan's intentions.

The correspondent stresses that the Chinese realise that the acceptance of any Japanese proposals would entail, in practice, complete subjection of China to the economic and political domination of Japan. — Trans-Ocean.

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Tokyo, To-day.

Taking advantage of moonlight, Japanese vanguards advancing on Nanking kept up a vigorous offensive last night, beat off a Chinese counter-attack and captured two Chinese tanks, according to reports from Japanese correspondents at the front.

Early this morning the Japanese captured the Chinese Infantry College and the Taochao aerodrome, less than a mile from the eastern walls of Nanking, and are pressing on Chungshan Men in the vicinity of the Ming Tombs. — Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Ships are still bottled up above Chinkiang where the more recently constructed boom blocks the river.

Breaching of this boom and sweeping of the minefield above it will be necessary to enable Japanese warships to join in the attack on Nanking and cut the retreat of the defenders across the Yangtze. — Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

A Japanese army spokesman announces that encirclement of Nanking has been completed and claims that the Japanese ring is gradually closing in.

An official statement issued by the Japanese to-day urges foreign ships and vehicles, whether Government-owned or otherwise, to keep moving as far as possible from Chinese troops either stationary or moving, and Chinese military establishments, or if possible to take them entirely from the zone of fighting.


It emphasises that the Japanese forces are doing their utmost to respect foreign ships or vehicles found in and around the fighting zone but in case no co-operation is forthcoming in the manner suggested, "the Japanese forces will be in no position to ensure security and cannot be held responsible for any consequences which may involve them." — Reuter.

Hankow, To-day.

The Japanese troops marching north from Wuhu are reported to be within seven kilometres of Taiping An. — Our Own Correspondent.

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## SHARP CHALLENGE TO JAPANESE ONSLAUGHT

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have received a severe wound in the thigh. — Our Own Correspondent.

### SHARP CHALLENGE

Shanghai, 1.30 p.m. To-day.

Latest reports arriving in Shanghai from Nanking indicate that the Japanese offensive against the capital is meeting with sharp challenge.

North of Tanshan Mountains the Japanese forces are advancing on the city in two columns.

A second group of Japanese forces is engaged in operations which are now in progress in the region of Shunwa.

### SHUNWA RETAKEN

Shunwa itself is again in the hands of Chinese troops.

A third group of Japanese troops have occupied Mulinkwang, but this body is encountering extremely stiff resistance and is finding it difficult to hold its positions since the Chinese are launching violent counter-attacks.

Reports add that the Japanese are also attacking in the direction of Chinkiang, discounting earlier claims of fall of the town to the enemy. — Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai, 2.15 p.m. To-day.  
A Japanese communique claims the capture of Chinkiang.

The communique states that the city fell without combat, the Chinese forces having apparently received orders to cross to the north bank of the Yangtze.

Owing to the severity of the fighting round Nanking, it had been the intention of the Japanese to leave a small holding force at Chinkiang, the main body pushing on to assist in the siege of the capital.

The Chinese withdrawal took the Japanese completely by surprise and was accomplished without loss. — Our Own Correspondent.

Tokyo, To-day.

The arrest of a Greek steamer of 5,500 tons at Hokkaido is reported in the Japanese newspapers.

The steamer was detained for entering Japanese waters without permission and charges are being laid against the master and 26 members of the crew. — Our Own Correspondent.

## NEWS FLASHES

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